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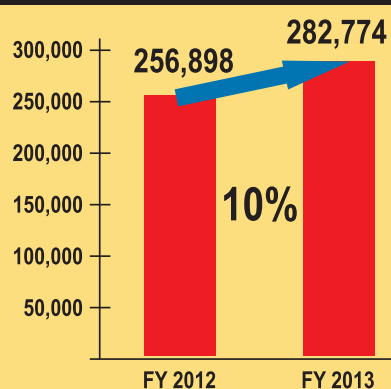
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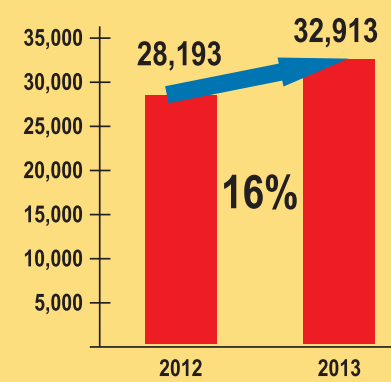
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VISITOR ARRIVALS FY 2012 vs. FY 2013



May 2012 vs. May 2013



Source: Marianas Visitors Authority



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REPORTER

After sitting idle for some four years now, the CNMI government's Mariana House in Washington, D.C. may have already lost some value as a recent appraisal that the Inos administration commissioned put its price between \$800,000 and \$1 million, compared to earlier "estimates."

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday the government has to decide now whether to sell or lease the government property in the nation's capital, and he wants to consult the Legislature on this.

"But we're prepared to go either way at this point," he said in an interview after convening a Cabinet meeting yesterday on Capitol Hill.

The Marianas House was bought decades ago to be used by the office of the

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The Mariana House is located at 2121 R Street NW Washington, D.C.

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Hospital director gets 30-day notice

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The Commonwealth Health Center will soon have a new director for hospital services following the recent removal of Karen Buettner

from the position.

Corporation board chair Joaquin Torres confirmed Buettner's departure with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. He declined to provide more details, citing personnel rules.

Buettner has been the hospital direc-

» Delinquency on housing benefit down to only 2 months

tor since the corporation took over the reins of the hospital from the Department of Public Health in 2011. She was appointed by then CEO Juan N. Babauta.

It was learned that Buettner, who took a personal leave of absence from her job in May, was served her walking papers upon her return last week. Sources said the 30-day notice was

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Local

May visitor arrivals up by 16 percent, says MVA

May 2013 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands were up 16 percent compared to May 2012. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota registered 32,671 visitors in May compared to 28,193 in May 2012.

Arrivals from Japan in May were down 8 percent to 8,946 visitors as the Japan market continues to struggle through a soft shoulder season and a weaker-than-usual Golden Week, with Golden Week travel from Japan to all destinations down by an average of 5 percent.

The key travel agencies in Japan attribute the soft market from Japan to the NMI to the rapid devaluation of the Japanese yen, and particularly the diffi-

culty agents have had in securing rooms for last-minute Japanese visitors to the CNMI as competition for rooms from the Korea and China markets heats up.

Arrivals from Korea rose 27 percent in May to 11,518 visitors, the highest number from any source market in the month. Asiana Airlines will rotate out seven Busan to Saipan flights in June and July for regular aircraft inspection, reducing lift by 1,022 seats but will boost its Busan-Saipan flights from four times a week to daily service during the month of August, targeting the summer peak season, using an Airbus 320 with 141 seats and bringing in an additional 1,833 seats to the Northern Marianas this summer ensuring continued growth out of the Korea market

this summer.

Meanwhile, arrivals from China jumped 37 percent in May to 9,158 visitors, in part due to an additional flight from Beijing compared to May 2012. Continued rapid growth is projected out of the China market for the remainder of this summer.

Arrivals from Russia registered a 17-percent increase in arrivals to 936. The Northern Marianas now receives bi-weekly direct charter flights from Vladivostok since October and weekly charter flights from Khabarovsk since March.

Economic highlights

The Japanese Cabinet office upgraded its economic assessment in May, add-

ing the words, "picking up slowly."

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development projected that the Japanese economy will grow 1.6 percent in 2013 and 1.4 percent in 2014, more optimistic than its previous estimates of 0.7 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively. In line with the government and Bank of Japan's aggressive policies to combat deflation, the yen continued to tumble in May against major currencies. As of May 31, exchange rates stood at 100.52 yen to the U.S. dollar and 130.51 yen to the euro.

The Korean economy's overall pace of recovery is more moderate than expected. The won/dollar exchange rate jumped 21.59 over the past month to be closed at 1,127.78 as favorable

economic data including a continued surplus in Korea's current account and a rise in industrial output after months of contraction. According to the Korea Tourism Organization, the number of Korean outbound travelers in April was 1,097,420, up 7.7 percent over the same month of 2012.

China's National Bureau of Statistics reported that GDP growth slowed to 7.7 percent year-on-year in the first quarter, down from 7.9 percent in the last quarter of 2012 and lower than many forecasts, raising concerns the slight economic recovery is losing steam. The Chinese currency renminbi, or the yuan, advanced 99 basis points to 6.1997 against the U.S. dollar on May 17, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trading System.

A survey by international online booking service Travelzoo found young and well-educated Chinese consumers with a rising passion for leisure trips will dominate the demographic of mainland white-collar tourists traveling the most in the Asia-Pacific region this year. They are abandoning traditional group tours for more leisurely travel, taking in cultural experiences, beach holidays, self-drive exploration and diving as well as gourmet dining trips. (MVA)



SAILING LESSONS

Participants in the San Isidro Youth Learning Center's sailing and watercraft activity have their picture taken at a beach in Chalan Kanoa. The class was being led by Lino Olopai.

BILL BEZZANT

Inos, Senate pay tribute to former senator Crisostimo

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the CNMI lost another "well meaning" person when former senator Luis P. Crisostimo Jr. passed away on Saturday in Las Vegas, Nevada (Sunday, around 9am on Saipan). The Senate, meanwhile, pre-filed yesterday a resolution honoring Crisostimo's service and contributions to

the CNMI and its people as a public servant and a businessman.

Crisostimo served four terms at the CNMI Senate, from the 14th to the 17th Legis-

latures. He passed away after a long but valiant bout with throat cancer. He was 52.

"He's a personal friend," the governor said. "I worked with him for so many years in Finance and then after that, he went out and became an entrepreneur and created enterprises that essentially contributed to the economy. In public service, he's been a very focused individual, really concerned about his constituents and the CNMI in general so he would be missed by many."

Inos said the administration's prayers go out to Crisostimo's family and friends.

The Senate is expected to adopt Senate Resolution 18-15, honoring Crisostimo, during tomorrow's session.

"The late Honorable Senator Luis Palacios Crisostimo will be remembered as a humble public servant and citizen, a man who fights for the people, a generous person raised from humble beginnings who desired the best for this great Commonwealth, and a man who set a precedent as to what true self-

lessness means," the Senate said.

Senators said that despite Crisostimo's struggle with cancer the last two years, he "continued to serve the people through his office and provided services during his medical absence."

Crisostimo worked for Bank of America in 1978 and later, for Pacific Development as a contractor from 1981 to 1983.

For 10 years starting in 1983, Crisostimo worked for Finance's Division of Revenue and Taxation as a tax technician and later as revenue officer II.

That's when the governor, when he was still with Finance, worked with Crisostimo.

In 1993, Crisostimo re-entered the private sector as a real estate broker, construction operator, and investment broker.

He ran and won as senator starting in the 14th Legislature.

Senators said that during his tenure as a lawmaker, Crisostimo was a staunch supporter of business growth and development in the CNMI as well as the protection and preservation of the indigenous people of the Commonwealth.

"The late Honorable Senator Luis

Palacios Crisostimo was a generous and charitable person who selflessly assisted many people in our community and contributed to the improvements of our islands," senators said.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) earlier said that Crisostimo "had the heart and passion for protecting people of Northern Marianas descent" and "gave back to our community," while former Senate president Paul Manglona said the CNMI will miss a "good friend" in Crisostimo.

Maryann Calvo, who served at Crisostimo's Senate office for years, said the CNMI lost a "great man" in Crisostimo "whose life meant so much to so many people. While cancer may have taken his life, it will not take away from his legacy."

Calvo is survived by his wife, Maria, three children, Monica, Luis Jr. and Dwight, and two grandchildren, Dwight II and Cassidy.

Crisostimo was born on Nov. 26, 1960. His remains will be brought back to Saipan, where he will be laid to rest. Nightly Mass and Rosary is held at San Vicente Church at 6pm.

Inos to follow up on asylum extension request with DHS

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he will be following up on his and Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's (Ind-MP) joint request with the Department of Homeland Security to extend the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applications beyond Jan. 1, 2014, or the CNMI could face volumes of asylum application from foreign nationals.

Inos said the recent federal detention of Chinese nationals who sneaked into Guam from the CNMI may be a sneak peek of what's to come should the CNMI's exemption from the asylum process is lifted six months from now.

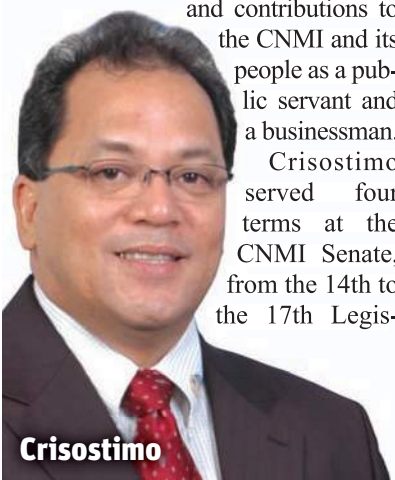
But the governor said the CNMI is trying to have a delicate balance, given that the CNMI is asking DHS to make permanent part of its regulations the U.S. visa waiver program for Chinese and Russian tourists visiting the Commonwealth.

"And that's why we need to approach that cautiously because it could...these recent events could hurt us," Inos said.

He said that, as of last weekend, DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano has not responded yet to his and Sablan's request letter to extend the asylum exemption to deter tourists from claiming asylum when they are admitted to the CNMI as tourists under the visa waiver program.

U.S. Public Law 110-229, which placed CNMI immigration under federal control, isolated the Commonwealth from the rest of the United States with respect to applications for asylum.

"Without this Northern Mariana Islands-specific element in the law, there would be a significant risk that tourists from China, particularly, admitted under parole authority, would claim asylum," Inos and Sablan told Napolitano in a two-page letter on April 8.



Crisostimo

Fund to close satellite offices on Tinian, Rota

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Effective this August, NMI Retirement Fund members on Tinian and Rota will be accommodated at the agency's main office on Saipan following a decision to shut down its satellite offices on the two islands.

The pending closure of the Tinian and Rota offices is mainly due to the agency's austerity measures.

"With deep regret, the NMIRF announces that austerity measures require closure of the Fund's satellite offices on Tinian and Rota," the Fund's statement yesterday said.

These offices will officially be closed on Aug. 15.

The Fund, however, assured that its members on the two islands will not be without service once the closures takes effect. After Aug. 15, the Saipan office will provide service to its members on the

two islands via telephone, email, and facsimile.

In the coming weeks, Fund members on the two islands will be apprised of the details for communicating with the Saipan office.

According to acting Fund administrator Lillian M. Pangelinan, the agency has one employee at each satellite office. That means two employees will be affected.

The two employees were given 60 days to decide on the agency's offer to relocate them to the main office.

"The two staffers have been offered to relocate and work at the Saipan office. The Saipan office welcomes two additional employees to help address the substantial workload. The Tinian and Rota employees have been given 60 days to decide whether or not to relocate to Saipan," Pangelinan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Pangelinan added that the Fund will work out the details

with the respective mayors and delegations of each island to ensure that the Fund continues to provide service to all its members.

According to Fund legal counsel Viola Alepuyo, the Fund expects to save \$30,000

» Fund expects to save \$60,000 annually from the closures

a n n u a l l y for each office, totaling \$60,000 a year. "The decision to close the two offices was not an easy one to make because of the need to provide services to our Fund members on Tinian and Rota. The Fund has always discussed various cost cutting measures to include closing

the Rota and Tinian offices. However, that has always made its way to the bottom of the list since the Fund had to ensure our members on each respective island had a place to go to have their concerns be addressed. The mayors and local delegation of each island have agreed to work with the Fund to continue to provide continued services to our members," Alepuyo said yesterday.

Some retirees from the two islands interviewed yesterday said they understand the action but expressed worries that this might leave them behind.

"We understand the need to save money. However, we could have housed the Retirement Fund employee within the mayor's office complex and maintained the public service. That way, the Fund would have saved the cost of the office rental, and our retirees would still have access to a Retirement Fund representative," said Don Farrell, a retiree from Tinian.

During a recent assembly, Fund officials disclosed the improving cash flow of the pension agency as a result of the consistent full payment received from the central government. Lower drawdowns were also recorded, from the previous \$4 million in October

to only \$1.65 million for the June 15 payouts.

Because of this progress, the Fund expects the program's lifespan to last a bit longer than March 2014, based on its available resources. At present, settlement negotiations are ongoing between the Fund and the government and an outcome is expected soon.

The extension of the Fund's life beyond 2014 is heavily dependent on this ongoing settlement negotiation.

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PSS bares \$4.9M debt with CUC

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The Public School System owes the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. \$4.9 million to date, representing unpaid obligations covering two years, according to acting finance director George Palican.

Of the amount, \$4 million covers arrears in fiscal years 2011 and 2012 while \$900,000 was incurred in the first seven months of the fiscal year from October through April 2013.

PSS records show that about \$250,000 of the unpaid obligation for fiscal year 2013 represents late charges. It was estimated that late charges amount to some \$46,000 a month.

Palican bared that CUC instituted the late charges in fiscal year 2012, contributing to the increasing debt of public schools.

The \$4.9 million outstanding obligation is expected to increase by September following revelation that the system has already exhausted its budget for utilities, with still five months to go before the end of the fiscal year.

Palican said that PSS set a budget of \$2.3 million for utilities for the entire fiscal year.

That amount was exhausted within the first seven months, with CUC billing already at \$2.5 million. PSS payments for fiscal year 2013 as of April is already at \$1.6 million.

As a non-revenue generating agency that relies heavily on the transfer of allotments from the central government, Palican believes that PSS should not be assessed late charges.

He said that he has asked CUC to waive the late charges for public schools but, because this is part of CUC's administrative regulations, his request was denied.

According to board member Marylou Ada, if CUC really intends to grant a waiver for PSS, the agency can do so because the waiver policy is an administrative regulation and not a law that cannot be easily amended or modified.

PSS has a standing memorandum request with the Executive Branch that, if finalized, will provide some water and wastewater rate relief to public schools. This proposed agreement, however, depends on the action of the Legislature on a pending bill that proposes the same for PSS.

According to Palican, if PSS—currently paying government rates on water and wastewater—is successful in having this legislation passed, the magnitude of savings to PSS is \$2 million every fiscal year.

In the 12-month period, the system is projected to be billed \$4.5 million for utility consumption. The rate relief bill will reduce this consumption to \$2.5 million yearly.

Since last year, PSS has been strictly implementing an energy conservation plan that includes the four-hour use of air-conditioning units across-the-board. Despite this conservation measure, bills remain high due to the increasing utility rates on the islands.

For the May 2013 billing alone, Palican said that PSS recorded an 18-percent increase compared to the April billing.

» Late charges assessed in 7 months at \$250K

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DPL: Hotels willing to extend leases, other investors interested

Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio said yesterday that at least five hotels are willing to extend their public land leases, prompting him to seek a meeting with the Legislature whose approval is needed on any public land lease consisting of more than 5 hectares.

"I received very positive response from hotel owners and I'm now talking to the governor, getting together with the leadership of the Legislature, to get their initial response on this kind of plan," the DPL secretary said.

DPL, however, has a number of questions that Tenorio hopes

will be answered.

"But the idea is to encourage them to invest money immediately on the hotel by floating the possibility that there may be opportunity to extend the lease, and it's really up to the Legislature to do that, if its constitutionally appropriate and permissible to do it the way the Legislature

have done to Saipan LauLau Development in extending the lease," he added.

He said this would give hotel owners, including Marianas Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Kanoa Resort, and Pacific Islands Club, a chance to reinvest their money in the CNMI.

DPL is also monitoring the progress of an initiative extending land leases up to 99 years.

Tenorio, at the same time, said so far, at least four investor representatives have each paid \$3,500 in application fee related to a request for proposal for three public lands in Marpi and San Antonio that are available

for hotel development.

Because the deadline for submission of proposals is July 10, there is still enough time for other investors to pick up an application form for the RFP.

DPL issued an RFP so that it can get the best offer among competing, legitimate investors. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

Lizama, Dela Cruz are Kagman High's top graduates



JANICA VICTORIA Q. LIZAMA

Board of Education Award



TASHA RENAE DLG DELA CRUZ

Commissioner of Education Award



SHAUN KYLE BUTTERS

Governor's Leadership Award



PETER PAUL H. CAMACHO

Principal's Award

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

Janica Victoria Q. Lizama and Tasha Renae DeLeon Guerrero Dela Cruz were named Kagman High School's top graduates during commencement exercises on Monday, June 17, at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Lizama was named the valedictorian of KHS Class of 2013 and presented with the Board of Education Award by BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero.

In her valedictory address, Lizama thanked her teachers, her school, her classmates, and her family. She also served as the class president during the school year.

Lizama was also one of the recipients of many departmental content area awards such as mathematics, social studies, science, American Sign Language, and business management.

Dela Cruz was named the salutatorian of KHS Class of 2013 and was presented with the Commissioner of Edu-

cation award by Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.

In her address, Dela Cruz also thanked her teachers, parents, and classmates.

Dela Cruz was also one of the recipients of many departmental content area awards such as language arts, social studies, science, word geogra-

phy, yearbook, college preparation, and computer applications.

The recipient of the Governor's Leadership Award was Shaun Kyle Butters while KHS principal Alfred Ada presented the Principal's Award to Peter Paul H. Camacho.

The top 10 awards and education achievements are as follows, in order from the tenth award to the valedictorian: Shawn Kyle Butters, Kelsy Omisong George, Sohaina Cheyanne Cepeda Maratita, Jolisa Sablan Pangelinan, Klevelyn Marie Subor Butters, Kiona Josepha Sablan Mendiola, Petper Paul Habal Camacho, Anna Patricia Painaga Ada, Dela Cruz, and Lizama.

Honorable mentions were Kimberly Ann Agulto, Tracy Wenio Pelep, and Christopher Joshua Gonzales Punzalan.

Community award recipi-

ents are as follows: Irene Torres, Mayor of Saipan Award; Peter Paul Camacho, Bank of Guam scholarship; Peter Paul Camacho and Tasha Dela Cruz, Joeten scholarship; Sohaina Maratita, Ofegra (Outstanding Female Graduate); Peter Paul Camacho, Chamber scholarship; and Sabrina Camacho, Jazmin Lieto, Wanda Nicholas, and Tracy Pelep, Ameri-corp.

The Marine Corps Awards went to Jolisa Pangelinan, Irene Torres, Patrick Camacho, Anzuko Halstead, and Ashley Babauta with the Scholastic Excellence award; Jonathan Sabulao and Shane Romolor with the "Semper Fidelis" Award for musical excellence; and Lamarc Iguel and Anna Ada with the Distinguished Athlete Award.

The keynote speaker was Rep. Edmund Villagomez.

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CNMI's resident representative to Washington, D.C.

Mariana House has been sitting idle since 2009 when the resident representative's office was abolished to give way to the CNMI's first nonvoting delegate to the U.S. Congress as a result of Public Law 110-229, the same law that placed local immigration under federal control.

"Like I said, I have to consult with the Legislature, the leadership, and see what they wanted to do. When it was first vacated, the idea was to try to lease it and retain it as equity. It's been a struggle keeping it up, really. We've spent not significant amount of money but some money to maintain it and keep it going but I think it's about time that we really make a final decision," the governor said.

The Mariana House is located at 2121 R Street NW Washington, D.C.

Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan) separately told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday he is thankful to the governor for involving the Legislature in the decision-making process related

to the Mariana House. Yumul said the property could've sold for some \$2 million in 2011, based on recent purchases in the area at the time.

"It's sad that the value has gone down; it might have to do with lack of proper upkeep and maintenance since it became idle in 2009. But like I said, I am thankful for the governor for involving the Legislature on this. I am open to sitting down with the administration and decide on the matter," Yumul said in a phone interview.

Inos said the administration got three real estate firms to look at the Mariana House for the appraisal.

The governor said the appraised value is between \$800,000 and \$1 million.

Between the two options of selling or leasing the property, Inos said the latter "is going to be a little complicated because we have to deal with property taxes, compliance with codes which is our obligation but I still need to talk to the leadership and see what is their desire but we're prepared to go either way at this point."

If the government decides to lease the Marianas House, it has to hire a property manager to

manage the property.

Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, a former CNMI resident representative to Washington, D.C. who stayed at the Mariana House for years, said yesterday that special counsel Jim Stump recently went to D.C. "a few weeks ago to actually see whether there are enough bidders or buyers for the House."

Tenorio said the goal is to "eventually liquidate it."

"The main thing is to be able to get the highest bidder for the Marianas House and get it out and leave it out," he said.

Tenorio said the CNMI needs money right now, and nobody's using the Mariana House anyway.

"And it's deteriorating. I don't think that the government should continue to hold on to it, sentimental or for other reason, but to try to liquidate it because it could get to a point where it might be considered a health hazard by the city of Washington and we might lose everything, we don't know. We have to pay taxes on the property because it's not a diplomatic house anymore. It's considered a commercial house because we're not there anymore," Tenorio said after the Cabinet meeting.

In 2011, the Fitial administration planned to lease the Mariana House.

But at the time, before the administration could lease out the property, it said it will have to repair the building and clear out a rat infestation, as complained by a neighbor.

Acting House speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan) said yesterday that whether the Mariana House is leased out or sold, "all proceeds should go to the NMI Retirement Fund."

He said the property "has been sitting idle for quite some time" and "we don't know what state it's in but personally I would like to have it either leased out or sold outright."

While the recent appraisal places its value at \$800,000 to \$1 million, that is still higher than the money spent to buy the property.

Herman Guerrero, who was a special assistant to the first and second CNMI resident representative in Washington, D.C., earlier said the CNMI government spent \$250,000 to buy the Mariana House.

He had said \$200,000 was appropriated by the CNMI Legislature, while \$50,000 was from the governor's office's contingency fund.

HOSPITAL

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formally served on Buettner on Tuesday, June 11.

Saipan Tribune tried to contact interim corporation CEO Esther Muña for comments yesterday but she was in a series of meetings. Email inquiries were also not answered.

According to Torres, Muña relayed her decision to let go of Buettner to the board. He said that Muña is the sole authority when it comes to administrative matters of the organization, including the hiring and firing of personnel.

Jesse Tudela, the manager of respiratory care, was appointed acting hospital services director since last week.

When asked about Buettner's replacement, Torres said the position—as relayed to the board by the CEO—will be announced soon. He said that Muña could also appoint someone to the post.

Saipan Tribune learned that Buettner has already sent her farewell notes to unit managers, informing them about her departure.

During the May 17 meeting of the board of trustees, corporation officials reported of an obvious "disconnect, confusion, and overlapping" of responsibilities at the hospital. A restructuring of the corporation management organization was then proposed to the board to address these concerns.

Muña earlier told *Saipan Tri-*

bune that the main goal of the restructuring is to address the widespread disconnect at the facility and clear the maximum scope of responsibilities of members in the organizational chart such as the directors of each unit of the hospital. In the proposed new organizational design, many functions of the director of hospital services may be removed and place under the COO.

Housing updates

Torres said that the corporation is now doing its best to meet its obligations to employees, particularly the housing benefit for personnel who were hired from off-island.

Acting chief financial officer Cora Ada confirmed that hospital employees have been issued housing allowances up to April 2013. The unpaid benefit is now for the months of May and June.

Ada said the next payment is being targeted before the end of the month for the May allowance.

According to the acting CFO, the number of hospital staff who receive the housing allowance is declining each month as new employment contracts have been executed. The corporation aims to remove the housing benefit in the new contracts. A portion of this benefit will be factored in the employee's new salary package.

The housing allowance amounts to \$800 per month for employees with families and \$600 monthly for single employees.

Senate to take up POB, tax amnesty tomorrow

» Casino gaming bill still with two Senate committees

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Senators will take up tomorrow an up to \$300-million pension obligation bond authorization bill and a tax amnesty measure, over a month since the House of Representatives passed both bills to help stretch the NMI Retirement Fund's lifespan, among other things.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said yesterday that barring any motion from members to "defer action," a vote is expected tomorrow on these two pieces of legislation.

The POB authorization measure or House Bill 18-50, House Draft 1 passed the House by a vote of 19-0 with one absence, on May 21.

If the Senate approves Rep. John Paul Sablan's (Cov-Saipan) bill, it would come seven months since voters approved during the Nov. 6 elections a legislative initiative amending Article 10 of the NMI Constitution to allow the issuance of a pension obligation bond.

Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan) separately said yesterday that he will vote "yes" to the pension obligation bond, owing to the need to prolong the pension agency's lifespan.

But Yumul said he has "reservations" about the tax amnesty proposal or House Bill 18-28, House Draft 1.

The House passed Rep. Tony Sablan's (IR-Saipan) HB 18-28, HD1 on May 9 by a vote of 14-0.

Under a tax amnesty program, penalties and interests on unpaid or unreported taxes are waived. It allows taxpayers to voluntarily come forward and take action to comply with tax laws.

If this bill becomes law, this would only be the third time that the CNMI government will provide a tax amnesty. They were done in 2001 and 2005.

The Senate president said yesterday the Saipan casino gambling bill, however, remains with two Senate panels: the Fiscal Affairs Committee, and the Resources and Economic Development Program Committee.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos earlier said that revenues from the Saipan casino industry or from pozzolan mining on Pagan could be used to service the debt from any bond that could be floated, which could initially be \$50 million to \$70 million.



Torres



RETIREEES' ASSEMBLY

Fund member Barbara Sablan airs her views and concerns to representatives of the NMI Retirement Fund and the government during last week's assembly at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Sablan proposes that active members be allowed to get a refund on their contributions.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

AIR FORCE DIVERT AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN SUBMITTED

CPA opposes use of Saipan airport for military operation

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority opposes the U.S. Armed Forces' plan to use the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for training exercises it will conduct on Tinian in conjunction with the military buildup in Guam.

The CPA board approved this position during a meeting on Friday and this will be communicated to the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration for concurrence.

Acting CPA executive director MaryAnn Lizama disclosed that the agency recently received the U.S. Air Force Divert Airport Layout Plan, a copy of which will also be given to FAA.

She said the CPA wants the

Saipan airport to be spared from any military operations because it is a commercial airport.

Instead, the CPA board is keen on allowing the military's use of the Tinian airport, Lizama said.

Once a decision is finalized, the military will also be assessed airport fees, Lizama added.

Saipan Tribune learned that CPA officials, along with Gov. Eloy S. Inos, met last month with Brig. Gen. Steven Garland where they discussed the Air Force's Airfield Layout Plans for the Saipan and Tinian international airports. In this latest visit, CNMI officials were provided a better understanding of the Air Force's position.

The U.S. Air Force, it was learned, is looking forward to the layout plan being approved

by CPA and FAA. The military had emphasized that the use of airports is important to the defense and security of the islands.

Brig. Gen. Patrick Malackowski, in a recent letter to Inos, indicated that "regardless of which airfield is selected by the record division, we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship between the U.S. Air Force and the

CNMI people."

Some two-thirds of Tinian lands are under lease to the U.S. Department of Defense and they have been used for military training in preparation for the military buildup in Guam, which involves the transfer of military personnel from Okinawa Japan.

In a visit in April, FAA officials aired concerns about the

impacts of military activities on CNMI airports and restricted airspace. They cautioned against the disruption this may have on the commercial operation of the airports.

FAA officials said that CPA's permission is needed for each and every type of operation or training that will be conducted by the military on CNMI airports.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE ROTA LANDFILL RFP13-GOV-136

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified consultants to provide Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Design Services for the Rota Landfill. This project is located at Tatagchog on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The A&E Design Services for the Rota Landfill project package and scope of work will be available on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI.

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, 10:00 a.m., at the Governor's Office conference room, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. Questions regarding the Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office, or email to balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com or facsimile to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4 p.m., ChST, July 10, 2013.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a project approach and a schedule of completion, addressing the scope of work requirements with details of how the work will be performed and accomplished by the consultants, with the names of the responsible persons identified and experiences of the responsible individuals of the team. The total proposal length shall not exceed 25 pages in length. Note, a firm that submits a proposal as a prime consultant cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, the consultant may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Qualifications and experience on similar projects | 25% |
| 2. Project Approach | 25% |
| 3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required time frame | 25% |
| 4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects | 25% |

Performance time for completion of the A&E Design Services for the Rota Landfill is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed and shall be the greater of (i) Two Hundred Dollars (US\$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by the number of calendar days of the contract time, the contract time and contract price being determined at the time of the assessment of liquidated damages for each and every day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **RFP13-GOV-136 A&E Design Services for the Rota Landfill**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, July 18, 2013. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, July 18, 2013 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, July 18, 2013, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than July 29, 2013. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement & Supply



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'NMC's \$8M debt with Fund is NMI govt's liability'

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REPORTER

The \$8 million that the NMI Retirement Fund claims the Northern Marianas College owes it is the liability of the CNMI central government, according to NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D.

In a declaration filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Thursday, Hart said the Fund's trustee *ad litem* informed her on June 7 that the college was in debt with the Fund for over \$8 million.

Hart said it is her understanding that in 2008, Public Law 15-126 and Public Law 16-2 established the NMC's contribution rate at 18 percent and that the difference between the actuarially calculated contribution rate and the sum remitted by the employer "shall accrue as a liability for the central government."

She said it is also her understanding that the government has affirmed the position that the government would contribute the difference between the employer contribution and the Fund's actuarial rate for fiscal years 2006, 2007,

2008, and subsequent fiscal years.

In other words, Hart said, the government has failed to remit to the Fund the "difference between the actuarially calculated contribution rate and the sum remitted by the" college.

Hart said the government has an obligation to remit, and must begin remitting the deficiency of money, which is the "difference between the actuarially calculated contribution rate and the sum remitted by the college."

To back up her position, Hart attached a June 24, 2008, letter that then

governor Benigno R. Fitial issued.

In that letter, Fitial confirmed that the central government will be responsible for amounts outstanding to the Fund by NMC accumulated since the Fund increased the employee rate of contribution from 24 percent to 36.77 percent during fiscal year 2005.

Fitial stated in the letter that, according to the Fund administrator's letter dated May 23, 2008, the cost of the liability including fiscal years 2006, 2007, and through May of 2008 for NMC is estimated at \$3.4 million.

Drunk man allegedly punches wife

A drunk man allegedly punched his wife during an argument at their house in Koblerville Thursday night.

Police said the victim sustained a bruise beneath her right eye.

The suspect, Vince Roy Rios Rabauliman, 30, was arrested for assault and battery and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$5,000 cash. It was not immediately clear if he managed to post bail.

Preliminary hearing will be on June 25 at 1:30pm.

Police detective Francisco Romeo O. Iginoef stated in his report that the Department of Public Safety received a call from a female caller on Thursday at 10:46pm about a disturbance at a house in Koblerville.

The responding police officer heard a woman crying inside the house but when he asked for someone to open the door, a male voice, later identified as Rabauliman, said that everything was fine.

When the officer insisted on going inside the house, Rabauliman opened the door and then ran away. During the chase in the open field, a second police officer arrested the suspect and sprayed him with pepper mace.

The wife told police that she and Rabauliman have been arguing since that morning. She said that Rabauliman had been drinking since that morning. When she finally told him that she's fed up, Rabauliman allegedly punched her in the face. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Woman in sham marriage gets 12 months probation

The federal court has imposed a 12-month probation sentence on a woman who engaged in a sham marriage so she could avail of immigration benefits.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Friday also ordered Zhongwei Yang to perform 50 hours of community service and pay a \$100 special assessment fee.

The judge said that Yang, a Chinese national, shall be turned over to Immigration for removal proceedings.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton and defense counsel Timothy Belas both recommended a probation sentence.

According to the indictment, Yang and Abdon Romolor Teregeyo conspired to get married and persuade USCIS officials that they were living together in a legitimate marriage, when in fact they were not and did not.

Teregeyo and Yang were married on Aug. 21, 2007.

Yang signed a plea agreement with the U.S. government. She pleaded guilty in November 2012 to one count of false statement on an immigration document. The remaining three counts of false statement to a government agent were dropped.

Teregeyo also pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years' probation. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



HOPWOOD'S BEST

The top ten awardees of Hopwood Junior High School pose with their certificates during the promotional ceremony held at the Marianas High School Gymnasium on Wednesday, June 12, at 4pm.

REINA S. PEREZ

Lawmaker's deposition sought in lawsuit vs Quichocho

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Jung Ja Kim, an investor who is suing attorney Ramon K. Quichocho in federal court on racketeering charges, wants to depose former police detective and now Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan).

Kim, through counsel Colin M. Thompson, informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday of her intent to depose Leon Guerrero at Thompson's

law office in Gualo Rai on July 9, 2013.

Deposition refers to the taking of testimony of a witness outside of court.

Thompson said that Leon Guerrero will be deposed starting at 10am and shall continue from day to day, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, until completed.

Thompson said the deposition will be recorded on audio and videotape.

Leon Guerrero, then owner of LG Private Investigation Services, is among Quichocho's expert witnesses

in Kim's lawsuit.

Leon Guerrero had stated in his report that it is his opinion that Kim was using a series of corporate entities that she in fact controlled to hide assets from her former husband and the Division of Revenue and Tax.

The former detective said that Kim was using other individuals to accomplish the same purposes of concealing corporate entities.

On her part, Kim retained as her expert witness, Benjamin M. Abrams, an

assistant attorney general of the Guam Office of the Attorney General.

In his opinion, Abrams stated that Quichocho not only committed ethical transgressions but likely even criminal acts.

Kim is a former client of Quichocho who also filed disciplinary complaints against the lawyer.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos recently withdrew the administration's nomination of Quichocho to serve as a Superior Court associate judge.

Trial of alleged poker arcade robber begins

The jury trial of a man accused of robbing the poker arcade of J's Restaurant in Gualo Rai began yesterday in Superior Court.

The prosecution and the defense counsel gave opening statements soon after the seven jurors who will decide the fate of Maximo S.N. Muña were seated.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo is presiding over the case.

Assistant attorneys general James

McAllister and Chemere McField called two persons to the witness stand yesterday.

The trial will continue today, Tuesday, at 9am.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyers is counsel for Muña.

Before adjourning yesterday's trial, Govendo granted Meyers' motion not to allow the prosecution to submit as evidence the audio recording of the investigation.

Govendo said the prosecution introduced the audio recording too late and allowing the recording at this point is "very prejudicial" to Muña.

The judge, however, noted that this was not the prosecutors' fault but the detective who is handling the case.

Police said a masked man wearing gray shorts and a green camouflage long-sleeved shirt went inside J's Restaurant at 5:35am on Oct. 4, 2012.

The masked man, who was armed with a machete, went inside the ca-

shier's booth, grabbed a plastic basket containing over \$120 in coins, and ran outside the building.

Police said the supposed driver of the getaway vehicle panicked when people started screaming and running to the parking lot of J's Restaurant during the robbery.

The driver drove away, leaving Muña behind. The driver, however, was later pulled over by a police vehicle.

Police said the driver identified Muña as the masked man. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Training for parents, story exploring for kids

The Motherhead/Fatheread program, a family literacy program of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, will be holding a parent training and story exploring for children in four Saipan Youth Centers in July.

Motherhead Inc. is a nationally acclaimed private, non-profit organization that combines the teaching of literacy skills with child development and family empowerment issues. Parents and children learn to use the power of language to discover more about themselves, their families, and their communities.

Motherhead offers separate trainings for both parents and children. In Motherhead/Fatheread adult classes, participants learn to be story readers, writers, and tellers in a group structure that supports their own sense of worth and ability or prior educational experience. By teaching the "why" of reading rather than just emphasizing the "how," classes encourage parents to be reading role models for their children. For children, story exploring provides a structured environment for reading, critical thinking, and problem solving skills.

Parent training and story exploring are scheduled in youth centers as follows:

■ Garapan Community Development Center: July 1, 2013, every Monday and Friday, 5:30pm-6:30pm.

■ San Isidro Youth Learning Center: July 1, 2013, every Monday and Thursday, 5:30pm-6:30pm.

■ Koblerville Youth Center: July 2, 2013, every Tuesday and Friday, 5:30pm-6:30pm.

■ Gualo Rai Youth Center: July 2, 2013, every Tuesday and Friday, 5:30 pm-6:30pm.

How does it work?

During the training, parents and a certified Motherhead/Fatheread trainer will discuss literacy: language, reading and parenting issues as they read together a book from the Motherhead/Fatheread curriculum. All the books used in the training are based on one of five child and family development themes from the curriculum. After each session, we lend the parents storybooks covered in class to bring home. They are then tasked to read to/with their children, and do the suggested activities in the MR/FR story extenders that are given with the loaned book.

Each parent who attends at least six of the eight sessions will receive a certificate of completion, MR/FR T-shirts, MR/FR book bags, three storybooks, and other surprise incentives.

Implementation of the Motherhead/Fatheread parent trainings and story exploring for children in the youth centers will not be possible without the collaboration of the office of Rep. Felicidad Ogomuro, Michael Manglona of Youth Affairs under the Office of the Governor, and Ben Taitano, committee chair for Laly 4 community activities.

For more information, call Viola Deleon Guerrero or Bryan Manabat at 235-7319, 989-8542, 789-6601, or e-mail us at cnmimotherhead@gmail.com and read.learn.achieve@live.com. (PR)

Weeklong power crisis at the Guma' Hustisia

An electrical transformer breakdown has left the Guma' Hustisia in Susupe without its power connection to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s main power line for over a week.

The transformer malfunction required taking the unit offline and sending it for off-site repairs. The repair was scheduled to be completed last Friday, but according to acting Director of Courts Sonia Camacho, the contractor says there is no indication whether the

nearly two-decade old transformer can be reactivated.

The Judiciary's backup diesel generator has been intermittently providing electricity to the building. The transformer failure has created a funding and services crisis for the Judiciary.

Camacho said fuel consumption for the backup generator is costing \$1,600 per day.

The Executive Branch has been providing assistance to the Judiciary with

both the technical aspects of the repairs and with financing. Jim Stump, the governor's legal counsel, and Liz Balajadia, CIP's engineer, are coordinating the Commonwealth's response to the emergency.

Efforts are being made to purchase a new transformer off-island as one is not available on Saipan.

The Judiciary's recently installed energy efficient air-condition units, computer servers, and other equipment

have been negatively impacted by the intermittent power supply. It is not known how long the backup generator can continue to provide power as it too is in need of service and repair, according to Guma' Hustisia Building Superintendent Gene Weaver.

The crisis negatively impacts the Judiciary's ability to deliver justice services, but all critical constitutionally mandated activities continue unaffected. (NMI Judiciary)



MAGISTRATE JUDGE

U.S. District Court for the NMI magistrate judge Heather L. Kennedy, third from left, poses with, from left, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Emeritus Alex R. Munson, Kennedy's husband, Chief Public Defender Douglas W. Hartig, their children Conall and Shea, and U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona after Tuesday's judicial investiture ceremony. Kennedy took her oath of office as the first ever magistrate judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

JIM STOWELL

USDA offers incentives for advanced biofuels production

WASHINGTON—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced yesterday the availability of up to \$98.6 million to support the production of advanced biofuels, and an opportunity for eligible producers to submit applications. The announcement is one part of the department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

"The United States is on the path to a cleaner, more secure energy future,"

NEWS BRIEFS

History workshop seats still available

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council wishes to advise interested individuals that there are still seats available for the History Research Workshop which starts next Monday.

The goals of the workshop are to introduce participants to the methods and resources necessary to investigate a wide range of topics relating to the history of the Northern Mariana Islands.

UOG professor Dr. Anne Perez Hattori will serve as the workshop facilitator.

More information about this free public workshop can be obtained from the council's website www.nmihumanities.org or from Council staff at 235-4785. (PR)

Military bases to participate in Exercise Typhoon Pakyo

SANTA RITA, Guam—Joint Region Marianas, U.S. Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base will be participating in the 2013 Exercise Typhoon Pakyo June 17-21.

The exercise is designed to enhance readiness of military personnel to prepare for heavy weather conditions.

The public should not be alarmed if they see and hear increased activity at the bases associated with the exercise. (PR)

Vilsack said. "USDA provides payments to eligible producers to support and expand the production of advanced biofuels, which are a key component of President Obama's 'all-of-the-above' energy strategy to reduce the Nation's reliance on foreign oil."

The payments are provided through USDA Rural Development's Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels, commonly referred to as the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program. It was established in the 2008 Farm Bill to support the expansion of advanced biofuel production. Payments are made to eligible producers based on the amount of biofuel produced from renewable biomass, other than corn kernel starch. Examples of eligible feedstocks include crop residue; animal, food and yard

waste; vegetable oils; and animal fat.

Through the Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels and other programs, USDA is working to support the research, investment and infrastructure necessary to build a biofuels industry that creates jobs and produces renewable fuel. Since 2009, more than 275 eligible producers in 44 states have received payments.

Producers use the payments to offset production costs and in some instances expand their operations. For example, in 2012, Sequential-Pacific Biodiesel, a biodiesel facility based in Salem, Ore., increased its annual production by approximately 1 million gallons, or about 20 percent. Sequential-Pacific primarily uses locally sourced waste vegetable oils in its production of biodiesel. The

support USDA Rural Development provided through its Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels helped the company buy equipment that increased the speed of production and pre-treatment of feedstock.

Producers who did not apply for payments during the October 2012 application window may now apply for payments for third and fourth quarter fiscal year 2013 production as well as for any applicable incremental production. Applications received by July 11, 2013 will be considered for fiscal year 2013 funds.

Complete details on how to apply and on available funding are found on Page 34975 of the June 11 Federal Register, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-06-11/pdf/2013-13778.pdf>. (USDA)

Budweiser to host Brew Master's Table at Hyatt

Budweiser presents the Brew Master's Table, a gourmet beer dinner at Giovanni's Restaurant of the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

On Wednesday, June 26, 2013, starting at 6pm, Budweiser invites you to a night of epicurean delights perfectly paired with Anheuser-Busch's finest selection of beers—a gourmet dinner skillfully created by Hyatt's most talented and renowned group of chefs.

Anheuser Busch InBev Brew Master George F. Reisch will be at the event to walk the attendees through the whole brewing process of your favorite beers as well as share tips on how to properly pour, pair, and enjoy a beer with every meal.

"With the Brew Master's Table, I hope to share my passion for brewed beverages to the members of our island community and enlighten them with the fact that food and beer can be a perfect pair if done properly. The quality, dedication and hard work that go into

our brewing processes are also definitely worth highlighting which in turn, would then help our loyal consumers enjoy their favorite beers more and better," explained Reisch.

Tickets are only \$75 per person and

inclusive of a five-course gourmet beer dinner, all featured beers, and a free gift. Prior ticket purchase is required. For more information, reservations or ticket purchases, call 234-7113 and be a part of the Brew Master's Table. (PR)

BREW MASTER'S TABLE

The Beer Gourmet Dinner will feature the following:

The Pre-dinner cocktail

Dill brioche, salmon tartare, sour cream

Beer butter fish finger, pepper remoulade

The Appetizer

Duckling confit marinated in Budweiser, quinoa salad, baby greens, roasted cherry tomatoes, parmesan lavosh, lemon basil oil

The First course

Shrimp and spinach ravioli, saffron

broth, celery, dill and essence of Stella Artois

The intermezzo

Red berries granite, Budlight jelly, rosemary

The Main Entrée

Roasted CAB beef rib eye medalion in horseradish and juniper berries crust, baby yellow squash, green beans, shallot and Amber-Bock jus

The dessert

Flourless Giandua chocolate pudding, Becks vanilla mousse, marinated orange, almond brittle

NOAA's Raterman honored for sea turtle work

HAGATNA, Guam—U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco of the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands presented a special award Friday to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration special agent Charles "Chuck" A. Raterman in recognition of his work to establish a Sea Turtle reward program for this region.

The poaching of sea turtles is prevalent in Guam. It is a challenge to prosecute such violators because they typically reside in the smaller villages on the southern part of Guam, where hunting and killing sea turtles is a source of increased status. A network of friends and relatives are often aware of their activities and they maintain a traditional code of silence as to the violators. This reward program was initiated to raise awareness of the effect of this poaching and to break that code of silence, encouraging citizens to come forward, even if it might involve persons within their social or village network.

This is NOAA's first permanent reward program for tur-



From left to right, First Assistant Steve Sinnott, Civil Chief Mikel Schwab, U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco, NOAA Special Agent Chuck Raterman, and AUSA Karon Johnson.

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tles, known as "haggan" in the Chamorro language.

Raterman created flyers urging people to be "Haggan Heroes," posted them at mayors' offices, stores, charter dive shops, and fish markets in Guam and on Saipan. He has appeared at numerous Saturday public outreach events sponsored by

law enforcement, as well as fishing derbies, career days and local festivals, radio and school appearances. He has enlisted the support of the Guam Department of Wildlife Resources, whose agents have assisted him in distributing more than 200 posters around this region.

To date, three individuals

have qualified for this \$1,000 reward by providing information that has led to the arrest and conviction of turtle poachers.

"We are hopeful that more people will come forward to help us put an end to this destructive poaching, so this species has a chance to recover," said Limtiaco. **(USAO)**



NOAA Special Agent Chuck Raterman with the U.S. Attorney's Staff for the District of Guam after being presented with a plaque and a turtle with the staff's congratulatory remarks.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS Class of 1983 reunion activities

The Marianas High School Class of '83 has lined up the following activities for its upcoming reunion:

- Thanksgiving Mass, Friday, June 21, 2013, San Jose Church, at 6pm.

- Reunion Banquet, Saturday, June 22, 2013, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, at 6pm.

- Family Picnic, Saturday, June 29, 2013, Micro Beach Pavilion, from 8am to 5pm.

For more information, call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665. **(PR)**

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Thursday

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room starting at

5:30pm. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@cca-marianas.org. **(PR)**

Air Force, Navy training on FDM, Warning Area 517

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 17-18, from noon to 5pm.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on June 18, from noon to 2pm and June 19, from 8am to 4pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of air-

space that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. **(PR)**

Summer program for high school students

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council through its CNMI Office is again sponsoring a two-week Summer Institute Program slated to begin on July 1 and end on July 16 for CNMI high school students. Activities include field trips to marine sanctuaries, NMC-CREES, CPR/first aid training and certification, boating safety, canoeing, fishing, and many more. For more information and application forms call James Yangetmai at (670) 286-6643 or email him at a203paradise@gmail.com or call Jack Ogumoro at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources in Lower Base, Saipan at 287-9482/322-9482 or fax him at 322-2633. **(PR)**

Kagman summer study

program

The Kagman Community Center will start its Summer Intensive Study program on June 20, 2013. Students can help children with homework, reading aloud, especially studying higher levels in advance. Registered users can borrow books and videotapes. Anyone can donate refreshments for the students and children.

More tutors and helpers are needed. For more information call 285-2221 or email kagman-community@gmail.com. **(PR)**

MHS students display artworks at NMC

Art students from Marianas High School are exhibiting their original works of arts through June 19 at the Northern Marianas College. The art show is free and open to the public. The show includes over 30 paintings and drawings, ranging from portraits to still lifes, using various mediums from charcoal to collage. **(PR)**

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 18, 2005

Study: Most sophomore students have a family history of diabetes

A recently issued research study on diabetes showed that majority of sophomore students who are of Asian or Pacific Islander descent have a family history of diabetes, putting them at a higher risk for type 2 diabetes. At least 453 sophomore students from public schools in the CNMI were surveyed for the study, entitled the Prevalence of Risk Factors for Type 2 Diabetes. The study was authored by public health coordinators Sharon Daves, Lynn Tenorio and Dr. Richard Brostrom for the school year 2003 to 2004. The results were released two weeks ago. Seventy-eight percent or 353 respondents reported that they have family members with diabetes; only 72 student-respondents or 16 percent did not have parents, relatives and guardians with the illness. About 28 respondents—about 6 percent—said they are not aware if their family members have the disease.

Over 300 complaints of labor law violations

The Division of Employment Services has received over 300 complaints alleging violations of the local preference and related labor laws. Acting Labor Secretary Dean Tenorio reported that the complaints regarding non-compliance with regulatory requirements such as local preference, 20-percent resident workforce, and wage and hour issues were filed with the division in the first five months of 2005. The CNMI Alien Labor Rules and Regulations require that resident workers, as well as unemployed nonresident workers on island, be given preference in hiring. Each company is also required to have at least 20 percent of its total employees be composed of resident workers. Tenorio also said that 15,149 jobs were reported vacant by private sector employers.

June 18, 2006

Troops, wives undergo marriage skills workshop

The troops who were deployed to Iraq and their wives are undergoing a four-day "strong bonds marriage skills" workshop at the Aqua Resort Club in Achugao. Thirteen members of the U.S. Army Reserve and their spouses are currently participating in the 12-hour instruction workshop prepared by the U.S. Army 9th Regional Readiness Command. The Honolulu-based Chaplain Maj. Daniel White and Chaplain Assistant Sgt. First Class Steven Ferguson are conducting the seminar under the Command's Deployment Cycle Support plan. The session will end today. Last week, 12 troops and their wives led by their former commander, Maj. Franklin Babauta, and his wife also underwent the same workshop at Aqua Resort.

Recycling at Liberation Day festivities

Beautify CNMI is heading a recycling campaign at the Liberation Day fairgrounds. In the recycling tent and throughout the grounds, volunteers have set up recycling bins to collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Beautify CNMI estimates that it has recovered at least 75 percent of all recyclable items generated at the fair. The project would not have been possible without the help of many government and private organizations. Beautify CNMI received in-kind donations from Pacific Trading Co. and financial support from the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

June 18, 2007

US, Japan contractors visit Saipan, Tinian

Ten U.S. and Japanese construction officials visited Saipan and Tinian on Saturday to meet with local businesspersons and inspect facilities that might be used to support the planned transfer of some 8,000 U.S. Marines to Guam. The group made the one-day visit to Saipan and Tinian in an effort to see the islands' potential as a warehousing and staging area for the Guam military buildup. John E. Baggott of Bechtel National Inc., a Maryland-based military contractor, led the group.

Free health screening kicks off Wise Women Village Project

The Department of Public Health and the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa have teamed up to bring preventive health care to women in the villages. The new women's health program, called the "Wise Women Village Project, kicked off Saturday with a free clinic at San Roque Catholic Church's social hall. In the first two hours alone, the project served at least 10 women. Tayna Camacho, one of the project organizers, said the goal was to reach out to women who do not regularly access preventive health care.

Island Snapshots



Northern Marianas College president Sharon Hart, Ph.D., delivers her message at the 30th Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 15.

REINA S. PEREZ



Department of Land and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold Palacios delivers his welcoming remarks at the 30th Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 15.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy fifth birthday to our one and only son, Spencer Eos Igitol Ngraked! May you enjoy your day with many more blessings coming your way! We love you! Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, Lyandra, Lena, Leala, Grandma, Grandpa, and the rest of the family.

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Belated happy birthday greetings go out to Soledad Corpuz! Happy golden day! You're looking pretty nifty at 50! And don't forget life begins at 50! God bless! From your Joeten Ace Hardware family!

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Happy 13th birthday to our wonderful goddaughter, Jian-dra Veronica Dela Cruz Lizama! May the Lord continue to bless you on your special day and always. We love you! Greetings come from Nino, Nina, Neisha, AJ, your family & friends!

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Happy, happy birthday Neth! God bless you always! With love from the Tropang @z@r.

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Happy birthday to Prescy Basquial! You still look fabulous at 60. Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. More to come and God bless! From your Joeten Ace Hardware family.

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Saipan Agricultural Fair Association chair Ramon "RB" Camacho delivers the opening remarks at the 30th Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 15.

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Senate President Ralph Torres delivers his message at the 30th Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 15.

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BUDGET HEARING

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, left, addresses members of the House Ways and Means Committee during a budget hearing, while special adviser for management and budget Virginia Villagomez, center, and Customs director Joe Mafnas, right, look on.

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Opinion

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Israel lacks clarity on a Palestinian state

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When I was teaching journalism 12 years ago, I invited the press officer of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv to speak to my students about the State Department's working relationship with the media. One of the students asked him: "What do you do if a reporter calls you in the middle of the night and tackles you with a sensitive question about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?"

The press officer smiled, opened his briefcase, pulled out a file and opened it in the chapter titled Middle East. Then, in a monotonous voice he read aloud the policy of the U.S. government regarding our region, and quoted the recent remarks of the secretary of State referring to that matter. "Any State Department official or diplomat stationed anywhere around the world will tell a reporter exactly the same thing," he said.

"What happens if an official says something his superiors don't like?" asked another student, to which the press officer replied by reminding the class of Gen. Mike Dugan, chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, who was fired on the eve of the Gulf War in 1990, for being "loose-lipped" with the press.

The students looked at him with admiration mixed with disbelief. What a far cry from the Israeli zoo, where every minister or official can say whatever he or she wants, regardless of their own government policy on the subject (assuming there is one).

Indeed, let's take a look at the policy of the Israeli government vis-a-vis the so-called peace process. Two out of every three Israelis believe that a two-state solution is vital if we want to keep Israel a democracy and a Jewish state. Doing nothing to promote this solution means that we doom our children and grandchildren to a situation where sometime in the future, between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, there will be more Arabs than Jews or, if this is any relief, the two communities will equal in number.

How will they share the power without a bloody, Balkan-type struggle over the identity of the common state?

The need for Israelis to separate from Palestinians, in order to keep Israel both Jewish and democratic, seems to have been accepted even by people who have been ideologically opposed to the idea. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, himself an avid believer in greater Israel, who has written books on the dangers of a Palestinian state, came to that conclusion. Exactly four years ago, in his speech at Bar Ilan University, he spoke the unspeakable when he agreed to a Palestinian state living in peace next to Israel.

However, nothing much happened since to facilitate that solution.

Needless to say that the Palestinians bear a lot of the responsibility for that, by proposing preconditions to their returning to the negotiation table. President Obama wasn't helpful, when he proposed the ill-advised idea of freezing the settlements: Netanyahu agreed, but the Palestinians nevertheless remained entrenched in their hard-line positions. The result was a loss of trust in the hearts and minds of the Israelis, both in the Palestinians' genuine quest for a settlement, as well as in the ability of the U.S. administration to play any serious role in the process.

We seem to be at a standstill, then, but this is only an illusion. We have all the right to blame others, but by doing nothing we are actu-

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Mango and mangosteen

We were terrified over the prospect of our eating mangoes (*manga* in Iloco, originally Tamil, and in Portuguese that somehow got the "o" ending in Spanish and English) coming to an end. The smell of the fruit prevails over Shenyang's fruit stalls as the southern crop (India is the top producer, followed by China with but a fourth of India's output) scents Dong Bei's summer. We experienced a sudden skin rash after eating a couple of mangoes, a reaction I thought I had once while eating a luscious but chem-loaded fruit from a Guimaras Island farm off Iloilo in the eastern Visayas.

We resisted the use of chemicals in a watershed project we assisted in Manjuyod, Negros, famous for its golden mangoes. Chemically inducing either the fruiting as well as the preservation of the fruit is widely practiced in commercial farms, and our aversion to chemicals in our food is biological as well as psychological, more so now since we discovered our children's autism might have been chemically triggered in their food.

My having the rash from fruit is unusual. We grew up in the Philippines' northern Luzon where having a *manga* in the backyard is a matter of course. In the Ilocos region, we had two varieties that are harvested preferably before they are ripe, the Indian and Hawaiian green mangoes being the preferred ones for pickling. That, or simply having a slice whisked through a dab of salt on the palm with a sour grimace on the face will get one quickly to fruit heaven. CNMI folks usually ignore this variety, unless the owner's son is friend to a *Pinay* chick, in which case he would be a beloved BF. Allowed to ripen, they are left to rot on the ground.

The *carabao* mango is a different matter altogether. Sure, it is still consumed green and when already mature but not yet ripened (seed develop a tough coating), it is dipped with much gusto in salted small shrimps (*alamang*, aka *hai mi* in China, which makes me a small shrimp, a name my INHS classmates used to call me as the runt of the class). But fully matured, it is the preferred fruit to be squirreled away in the rice bran or under the dried stalks in the barn to naturally ripen into sweet yellow custard-like consistency. (Any Pinoy salivating at this point is absolutely understandable!)

In Shenyang, the fruit's fragrance is so strong in the market that I looked at my rash and went for a second clinical opinion. The nurse let me consume a fruit and lingered around the clinic for an hour to see if I get a reaction. There was none. I returned a second time with the same result. She asked that I do it again at home but to return to the clinic quickly should I show any reaction. There was none. I am back to eating mangoes with crossed fingers, and the Hainan variety grown in terrain and on the same geographical latitude like the ones on Saipan, similar to the *carabao* mangoes in my childhood, abounds.

The mangosteen in the stalls sits next to the mangoes. They are trucked from southern China or shipped from Thailand, Indonesia,

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Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Taiwan where they flourish like house yard ornamental arbors. For its alleged qualities to combat cancer cells, the mangosteen as fruit pulp and juice has seen its popularity rise among America's natural foods crowd. It is now even marketed as a pill.

We are partial to the white pulpy "seed" inside the purple soft husk that breaks easily when pressure is exerted on the side. We had a chance to consume them under orchards in Davao, Cotabato, and Zamboanga sometime in nineteen-forgotten. A bit sensitive to cold, early cultivars of the fruit tree perished in Florida's frost. Dominica in the Caribbean grows some. I have not seen it grown on Saipan, though the leeward side of Mt. Tapochao where the del Rosario and Olopai farms are located may stand a chance. We once gave Lino some durian, rambutan, and mangosteen seeds to propagate, but are not privy if ever there were any issues. Still, the tropical weather of the CNMI could provide abundant fruits all year round for its Garapan street market!

While this is a piece on mango and mangosteen, it is also about the abundant fruits of summer that are available in the local market at affordable prices. It must be because culinary art is so much an integral part of Chinese culture that fruits and vegetables, wherever they are grown, are made available everywhere. Along with the durian and the rambutan, we also have peach and apple, cherry and lychee, grape and apricot. Citrus fruits are also available, but they are not as popular as they are in the fall. The muskmelon comes in various sizes and different colors. The watermelon is the all-time favorite, treated as an aphrodisiac. Since I also eat the tomato, carrot, and cucumber like fresh fruits, I should be a poster boy for health and fitness, right?

Not so lucky. At my age where local culture considers one as prosperous, comfortable, and a man-at-ease when rotund and nursing a beer gut (like the way sumo wrestler are regarded in Japan), I am always congratulated for having a "well-rounded" personality. So, though I stay away from the meat fat, I do like my beer, and there hangs another story. Wealth does trump health in these parts, so we kind of polish the image!

June is bursting out all over. In the summer, the fruit flavors prevail.

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Ekun bos famaguonta gi chagu'

An ta ekuñgog i man-a'atope na buruka diariu, siempre oppan ekun sentimenton famaguon-ta gi chagu na mapagahes paraisu. Esta na' mahalañg i ansianu na inepog proteksion para siha deste usun tanu' esta guatu gi direchon natibu gumobietnan maisague'.

Hu ayeg este na asunto layeye pot guaha gi mas man-atbansau na estudianteta mumensiona diniskonfotmen niha ni presente na areglon kontrata yan gobietnon federat: Covenant. Unu sumañganeyu' na kase mauleg ayu na kontrata para pa'gu. Lau debi uma-adelanta dispues pot para u guaha appottunadatña Marianas muna' fitme sisteman gobietnamentoña.

Hu a'atan Guam gi dineskuten dinisehaña estau politika. Hasan mamensiona "Commonwealth" taimanu iya Marianas. Mas metgot sentimenton estau taiguihe FSM, Palau yan Marshalls gi hechuran Free Association. Ilegña un' tomtum na patgon, "Ti siña na para sige ha' man-masañgane haf" mauleg para hita sa' u fattu i tiempu 'nai siña hit manmamatinas to'a yan antau na disision'.

Mauleg na asunto sa' a'anog na gaige gi hinasson niha seriosamente futuron i manatatte. Na'magof maseha fina' eku 'nai papañg-pañg sentimenton niha. Estaya oppan na sige lokue' ma-akanteha haf' asuntun niha.

Tiempon Pagyu

Esta 'nos kuantus años deste ke ha fatoigue hit dañosu na pagyu.

Journalism a bad return on investment? Wait a sec

There are few things as humbling as being invited into someone's life and home every day through a newspaper. I didn't quite get this at first.

That night back in the early 1980s, when I was rushing to finish a high school football story on a Friday night and a mom called to plead that I be kind to her son's team, which had lost, I groused to myself that she didn't understand what my job was.

Maybe she knew much better than I did at the time.

She had expectations, as all newspaper readers do.

They expect facts but also fairness, truth but also something deeper and broader than that. They want us to write not just what we witnessed but what we should have seen, not just what we know but what we should have known.

They trust their newspaper to provide perspective on the world, provide information they need, validate their experiences and help them make sense of things.

These are reasonable expectations, even as they present a perpetual challenge.

Many people also have somewhat unrealistic notions about the power of the press. Prisoners believe we can prove their innocence. Litigants in convoluted legal tussles believe we can extricate them. TV watchers believe we can resolve their complaints.

Some critics believe that members of the news media not only have time to put together a plethora of information for them every day but also to engage in vast world-domination conspiracies. And there are those who are convinced we're merely tools, puppets, devils and/or, my heavens, unrepentant commies.

Funny how they keep reading anyway.

There are readers who can't believe anyone would be daft enough to pay me to write my opinions.

I can't believe it either.

During 13 years of writing editorials on behalf of the Editorial Board plus a weekly bylined column, I've learned what a privilege and a responsibility it is. People I might never meet have invited me into their homes, giving me precious time from their day, and they simply asked for something intelligent, thoughtful, informative and honest to read.

It's never ceased to make my day when someone has taken the

Gaige layeye este gi tinilaikan mafanana'an "axis"—punta pot punta gi tanu'—sanhilu' yan sanpapa' (north and south). Este na tinilaika gi hagas posision muna' fan safu. Mas i tasin Atlantic gi otu banda finatoigue mattiempu ke hita guine giya Pasifiku.

Gi mismu tiempu, mapupulan hiyuñg iya Tokyo un' pidason achu' gi taduñg tasi (mas ke dose miyas inako'ña yan 'nos kuantos miyas inanchofña) pot mapredidikta na siempre u poduñg. Yangin u sulun 'sino basnag, dañkulu na napu para u huyuñg ni parehu yan mafanana'an "mega tsunami".

I "mega tsunami" sientu pe lineka'ña, anaku' dadalagña ya manunuguñg kiñientos (500) miyas gi ora. Tat ti u prinensa 'an malagu ayu na tsunami. Mapredidikta lokue' na megai para u fan dimalas 'an masusede este piot halom Tokyo yan manhihot siha na siuda.

Tiempon Muñgaha'

Yangin hamagap 'sino muñgaha hau na tiempu, cha'mu lilihan sa' megai manatatte gi mismu katsada. Hu a'atan pa'gu ñgai'an ni para tafan abende mahlug lapes yan pinedoñg dadeg entalu' Microl giya Oleai yan Micro Beach.

Mientras ta nanañgga este na fina' bela, sessu hu huñgog i manau-tau-ta makantan guieñg man-namahalañg siha na sunidu. Kase un' manera 'nai ha lilipa siha gi halom rimulinon pinadesen miserable. Lau hombre este na estau, memegaiña bumatbaruruye haf' siña ha rikohe na sentimos diariu.

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trouble of leaving a message or sending a note to let me know I've succeeded.

I'll miss that part of daily journalism. Then there's been the opportunity to work with talented people dedicated to providing a public service, day in, day out, because people rely on it.

After 33 years in newspapering in four cities, the longest stint by far being in Fort Worth, I'm going to try a different and exciting adventure. On Monday, my new title will be Director of Communications for Tulane Law School in New Orleans.

A bankrate.com study just ranked "news analyst, reporter, correspondent" near the bottom among 20 professions based on how quickly you can pay off undergraduate college loans. Going into advertising or being an economist are better returns on educational investment, the chart suggests.

In my experience, journalism offers tangibles and intangibles that don't translate into money in the bank. It introduces you to people you might not otherwise have met: politicians and parents of murder victims; judges and kids helping their communities; Death Row inmates and aging war veterans.

It takes you places you might never have gone: the Supreme Court and a midnight high-water rescue in a park; school classrooms all over the country and the hospital after a major plane crash; a sexual harassment trial and a professional golf tournament.

But life itself should do that, too, if you're willing to venture out, take the chance and keep learning.

Thanks to all the readers who've made it possible for me to do a job I've loved. The next chapter awaits.

with the Palestinians, makes noises like she means business.

However, Naftali Bennet, who sits with Livni around the same government table as minister of economy and trade, said recently that there will never be a Palestinian state. Speaking last December, before he became a minister, he said, "I will do everything in my ability, forever, to prevent a Palestinian state from being founded within the land of Israel." I don't think he ever changed his position.

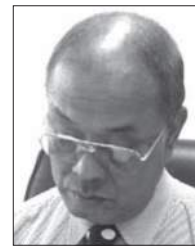
One can explain this by arguing that these are two ministers who represent parties that are partners to the Likud-led government, having different views. Fine, but where does Netanyahu, the leader of Likud, stand? We don't really know, but here is what a rising star of his party, Deputy Defense Minister Danny Danon, has to say on this. After dismissing off hand the idea of a Palestinian state, he said last week: "The international community can say whatever they want, and we can do whatever we want."

Maybe that's true, at least for the time being. I doubt if that's wise.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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**Tiempon Hiniga'**

"Hiniga'" ala kuenta kulan destrosiun pagyu gi tanu'. Abiu i finaisen todus fina' ayudu pot rason na todus man-inaminasa ni un' didog na yinamag pagyu.

Gi katkuet manera, i te'ug na pinadesen fondun pisun linala' miseraple humiga' todus gi maseha manu na isla gi atkipelagon iya Marianas.

Hu komprende kuantu minakatña areglun ekonomian isla sa' mihanom gi oriya. Gi mismu tiempu sumen appenas mina para usa kumu katsu.

Estague' mina sumen presisu ma-elihen man-menhalom yan edukau na membro para i lehislatura. Yangin tafa' huegu, pues mañau-nau hit man-hugandu. Hu tuñgu' lokue' na esta i publiku o'sun nu este na huegu. Gaige ennau na linala' pechun gi dos patman kanai miyu: Ha'anen miyu para mona!

Lau este siha na chinatsaga mau'udai patte gi modun sisteman gobietnamentu 'nai i tautau solu siña umensima didog na tinilaika ginen disision bontun niha. Este na direchu i mas guaguan gi dine-teminan futuron natibu. Na setbe mauleg gi hilu' kinimiten adelantu.

Tiempon Man-husga

I futuron natibu gaige gi dos patman kanai-ta. Kulan offisiun mañgge', ayu ha' solu 'nai siña lagse tinige'mu i para un' fañgge'. Ni kuantu na leblu un' taitai 'sino ineyag grammatiku, yangin ti un' atrebi hau mañgge', pues tai bali dinisehan mañgge'.

I puntu: Muñga mana'e chansa mañan diskuidu sa' i tiempu ni unu gumugu'ot. Siña ha' ti kontentu hau ni disision-mu. Lau maulegña un' hagu' mona pa'gu ya un' lache gi bandan dinanche ke un' matmos gi sadog lache sa' ti sumaunau hau mañapotta gi mauleg na disision benefisiun linahyan.

I mamatinas disision ginen primet petsona—hagu! Cha'mu lilihan sa' che'chu' tautau todus disision ni siña ta adelanta ha'anita gi karera mona. Cha'mu lokue' mamasa' sumañgan dibuenamente haf' hinassomu sa' patte hau gi komunida. Ginen antau na inadiñgan 'nai mafattu man-sanu siha na disision ni mafañagu gi hilu' fitme na dineskuten todus. Tiempun Man-husga!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Adios Jesus Chamorro

I was very fortunate to have made good friends in the Chamorro music industry not just in the Northern Marianas but in the neighboring island of Guam as well. Ignacio, Tomas, and Tan Chu' Charforus, or Jesus Chamorro as he is known by, were the folks I collaborated with in 1987 over a project that ended up with an album and the first Chamorro music video.

The late Jesus Chamorro and his brothers Ike and Tom were very artistic songwriters whom I considered to be very cultural and poetic in their writing style. Mr. Cing of C&F productions invited me if I was interested in working with the Charforus Brothers on a project that may lead to another album by Alexandro Sablan. I immediately jumped on the opportunity and I replied yes I would.

The title of that album is "Batkun Gera" a song that was written by Tun Joaquin Katmelo, along with three more of my other materials, together with six more contributions from the Charforus brothers for a total of 10 songs to comprise a complete standard album. After the album was recorded and put on the market, I and Tommy started scripting the music video for Tom Unsiug to start shooting the music video. Tommy Charforus was the host of the C&F Chamorro Music Video featuring Alexandro Sablan. Actually, this music video was inspired by Jesus Chamorro's famous live TV shows where he does his ever famous line—"Obba Skobba" that only he could have done. Jesus Chamorro did radio/TV simulcast on KUAM part-time, and then he retired from Government of Guam and became a farmer in his ranch in Chalan Pago, Guam.

I was saddened with the untimely passing first of Tommy Charforus, and then last week's passing of Jesus Chamorro. From all of us in the Chamorro music industry, we salute you farewell and adios Jesus Chamorro—"Obba-Skobba"

Colonel Alexandro Sablan

Dandan, Saipan

ISRAEL

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ally moving ahead with our eyes open toward a bi-national state—a situation we agree is dangerous.

In the meantime, however, without being threatened by an Intifada or terror attacks, Israelis don't feel pressed to take action. It reminds me of the man who fell from a 30-floor building. Upon passing the 15th floor, a man sitting on the balcony asked him how he felt, to which he answered, "So far so good."

With this kind of complacency and in the absence of any loud and clear message from Netanyahu, no wonder that there is a cacophony of official voices saying one thing and its opposite at the same time—unusual even by Israeli standards. Tzipi Livni, the justice minister who strongly believes in a two-state solution and who has been appointed by the prime minister to presumably negotiate

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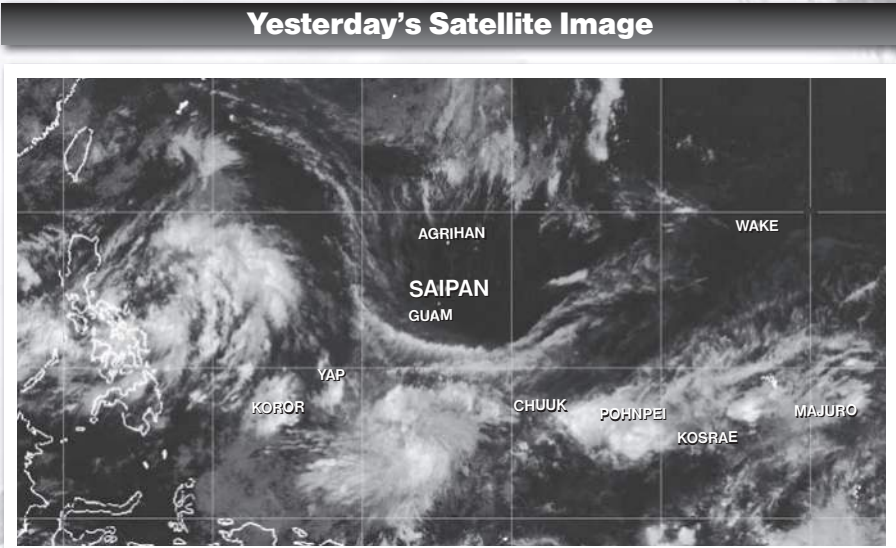
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Palau	Cloudy	▲87 ▼76
Yap	Cloudy	▲92 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲86 ▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼79
Majuro	Showers	▲87 ▼81

Around The Globe		
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Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲91 ▼69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼81
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84 ▼73
London	Showers	▲72 ▼61
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼80
Melbourne	Showers	▲57 ▼41
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼79
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼66
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼75
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼69
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲77 ▼70
Rome	Sunny	▲86 ▼70
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲76 ▼54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼53
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲76 ▼68
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲85 ▼73
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼72

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
3:13 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
10:18 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
4:17 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:37 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Water vapor loop showing features mainly above 24000 feet shows a broad upper trough with an axis extending roughly through 23N158E and 11N144E. Isolated cumulonimbus CB are popping up along and southeast of the upper trough axis north of 20N. Broken to overcast layered clouds persist northwest of the upper trough axis and north of 20N. Scattered low clouds dominate across a broad stretch from 10N to 20N east of 136E including across the Marianas. Satellite loop and scatterometer shows a monsoon trough extending from a developing tropical disturbance near 13N127E to 00N148E almost directly over Yap and just northeast of Koror. Overcast layered clouds with embedded scattered CB associated with the developing disturbance cover skies from 10N to 19N west of 136W. A second similar cluster of low clouds and CB extends from the equator to 09N between 138E and 148E southeast of Yap and Koror but west of Chuuk. This second cloud and CB area lies along the southern end of the monsoon trough and is being watched by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center as invest area 93W. A convergence band along 06N is the likely trigger for scattered CB and overcast layered clouds from 05N to 08N between 152E and 171E. This area lies just east of Chuuk but across Pohnpei and Kosrae. The most active CB within this last area are west of 160E. Besides the monsoon trough, the dominant surface feature is a ridge extending roughly from a weak high near 30N177E to 22N152E to 17N140E. Moderate trade flow is noted south of the ridge axis including across the Marianas.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:47 AM	6:49 PM	Today	1:29 PM	12:48 AM
Wednesday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM	Wednesday	2:26 PM	1:32 AM
Thursday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM	Thursday	3:25 PM	2:20 AM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM	Friday	4:28 PM	3:13 AM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM	Saturday	5:31 PM	4:11 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
				UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				

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Business

G8 faces uncertain recoveries, turbulent markets



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron speaks at the G8 UK Innovation Conference at the Siemens Crystal Building in London, Friday June 14, 2013.

G-8 leaders to mull Syria, tax evasion, free trade

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP)—Police are expected to outnumber protesters Monday at the G-8 summit in Northern Ireland, where leaders will seek to narrow their differences on Syria's civil war, promoting freer trade between Europe and North America, and combating global tax evasion.

Police commanders in Northern Ireland said they are optimistic that the summit will pass peacefully, with only 2,000 protesters expected to travel to the remote lakeside area for Monday night's main planned demonstration.

About 7,000 officers are providing security as leaders arrive for the two-day summit starting Monday at a golf resort on a peninsula near the town of Enniskillen.

The host, British Prime Minister David Cameron, has pushed for more sharing of financial information among countries. In his final pre-summit declaration, Cameron said his country would lead by ex-

ample by setting up a registry that reveals who is behind so-called "shell companies" that obscure their true owners.

Cameron is being joined by President Barack Obama, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan.

Cameron said all G-8 members must cooperate more to restrict companies' ability to exploit foreign tax shelters, including Britain's own crown dependencies and far-flung overseas territories, as a way to boost government revenue and economic growth.

"These issues corrode public trust and undermine a competitive low tax economy which can only be sustained if people actually pay the taxes they owe," he said.

Later Monday, Cameron plans to convene a meeting on reaching agreement on a long-debated European Union-U.S. trade pact. The participants will include Obama, French

President Francois Hollande, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, new Italian Prime Minister Prime Minister Enrico Letta, EU Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso and European Council President Herman Van Rompuy. The EU decided on a negotiating plan for its side only on Friday.

A trade pact would lower tariffs and reduce regulations that serve as barriers to buying or selling goods and services on both sides of the Atlantic. A deal is seen as important for spurring Europe's stagnant economy.

On the G-8 security front, Northern Ireland Chief Constable Matt Baggott said police didn't have to make a single arrest during two anti-G-8 protests and a related outdoor concert Saturday in Belfast.

"We are quietly optimistic based on what we've seen yesterday that this could be the most successful G-8 conference," Baggott told reporters at the summit press center.

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP)—Europe is mired in debt and recession. Financial markets have hit violent ups and downs on fears that U.S. stimulus efforts may soon be scaled back. Japan is finally looking up after years of stagnation—but it remains an open question if the recovery will stick.

That's the global economy that will confront the heads of the Group of Eight leading economies as they gather Monday and Tuesday for their annual summit in Northern Ireland.

British Prime Minister David Cameron will serve as summit

host for U.S. President Barack Obama and the leaders of Germany, Italy, Canada, France, Japan and Russia. At the top of the agenda: New cooperation to fight tax evasion and increase transparency among governments. Also on the table will be how much help to give to rebels in Syria, and a push for lower trade barriers between the United States and the European Union.

On the sidelines and over dinner, it's expected that the discussions will broaden to include the election results in Iran and data protection, following revela-

tions about a U.S. counterterrorism surveillance program.

As always, the summit takes place under heavy security, guarded by 8,000 police backed by water cannon. The venue itself is surrounded by extensive security fences, and on three sides by water. There's only one access road to the closest town, Enniskillen, some 5 miles (8 kilometers) away.

While its peace process has been hailed worldwide as a success story, Northern Ireland remains a society troubled by deep-seated divisions between Catholics and Protestants. Officials have said trouble away from the summit site can't be ruled out. Additionally, thousands of anti-capitalist and labor union protesters are expected to march from the town to the summit fence on Monday.

Since last year's G-8 meeting at Camp David in the U.S., there has been a modest economic upswing throughout the developed world and prospects are brighter after five years of turbulence and recession. Yet despite progress, the economic outlook remains fraught with uncertainties.

Chief among the question marks: When will the U.S. Federal Reserve begin to curtail its extraordinary stimulus, which has supported the recovery in the U. S. and helped send markets around the world to new peaks? Global stock and bond markets have whipsawed since May 23, when U.S. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the U.S. central bank might slow its drive to keep long-term borrowing costs low in the coming few months.

G8 meets in N. Ireland

Leaders from eight nations, whose economies account for about half of the world's GDP, meet June 17-18 for the annual summit.



Agenda

- Global economy
- Foreign policy; Syria, Afghanistan, Iran, N. Korea
- Counterterrorism
- Trade, corporate tax evasion and avoidance, transparency with company ownership
- Land investment in developing nations

Source: ESRI, DeLorme, IPC, NAVTEQ, NRCan; White House; Center for Strategic and International Studies
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Summit participants

Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, U.S., U.K., plus the presidents of the European Commission and European Council

Security

8,000 police on patrol

No-fly zone; drone surveillance; no sailing allowed on lakes

Security fence makes 4-mi (6.4 km) exclusion zone around resort

Current, former officials back secret surveillance

WASHINGTON (AP)—Current and former top U.S. officials on Sunday defended the government's collection of phone and Internet data following new revelations about the secret surveillance programs, saying the operations were essential in disrupting terrorist plots and did not infringe on Americans' civil liberties.

In interviews on Sunday talk shows, guests ranging from White House chief of staff Denis McDonough to former Vice President Dick Cheney and former CIA and National Security Agency head Michael Hayden said the government's reliance on data collection from both Americans and foreign nationals was constitutional and carefully overseen by executive, legislative and court authorities.

All three branches of gov-

ernment, using "aggressive internal checks inside the administration, from inspectors general and routine audits, are overseeing how we do these programs," McDonough said. He added, "I think that the American people can feel confident that we have those three branches looking."

The latest reassurances came as a new Washington Post report Sunday described the massive intertwined structure of four major data collection programs that have been set up by the government since the 9/11 attacks. The Post report follows earlier stories based on documents provided by NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

Two secret programs, the Post reported in its new disclosures, are aimed at phone and Internet metadata, while two more target contents of

phone and Internet communications.

Metadata includes logs and timing of phone calls and lists of Internet communications, but does not include the actual contents of communications. Even without knowing those contents, intelligence officials can learn much from metadata, including likely locations and patterns of behavior.

A previously reported surveillance program aimed at the phone logs and location information of millions of Americans is called Mainway, the Post reported. A second program targeting the Internet contact logs and location information of foreign users is called Marina.

A third program, which intercepts telephone calls and routes their contents to government listeners, is called Nucleon.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

GM recalling 193,652 SUVs for fire risk

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors is recalling more than 193,652 SUVs from the 2006 and 2007 model years because a circuit board in the driver's door could short and cause a fire. The vehicles involved are the Chevrolet Trailblazer, GMC Envoy, Buick Rainier, Saab 9-7x and Isuzu Ascender from the 2006 and 2007 model years. The 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer EXT and GMC Envoy XL are also included. GM says owners should park the vehicles outside until they're repaired. GM says the defect is caused when water gets into the driver's side door

and corrodes a circuit board. If it shorts out, the power door and window switches may stop working. It could also cause overheating, which can lead to smoke or fire. GM is notifying owners. Dealers will repair the vehicles for free.

Oil price highest since January on Syria concerns

NEW YORK (AP)—Oil rose to the highest level since January amid concerns about a possible escalation in Syria's civil war. Benchmark oil for July delivery rose \$1.16 to close at \$97.85 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil

finished the week with a gain of \$1.82 a barrel, or 1.9 percent. President Barack Obama's decision, revealed Thursday, to provide some weapons to rebels fighting the forces of Syrian President Bashar Assad came after the White House said it had convincing evidence that Assad's regime—which has been supported by Russia, Iran and Lebanon's Hezbollah—had used chemical weapons against the opposition. The Middle East is a key source of crude oil and important transit routes cross the region, so conflicts which threaten disruptions in crude production or supply usually push oil prices higher.

Nation

Men wrongly convicted or arrested on bite evidence

By AMANDA LEE MYERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

At least 24 men convicted or arrested based largely on murky bite-mark evidence have been exonerated by DNA testing, had charges dropped or otherwise been proved not guilty. Many spent more than a decade in prison, and one man was behind bars for more than 23 years before he was exonerated. One man is still in prison as an appeal works through the courts. The Associated Press compiled this list of some of the more notable cases using court records, news reports and information from the Innocence Project.

LEVON BROOKS AND KENNEDY BREWER

Brooks, of Brooksville, Miss., was convicted in 1992 of raping and killing his ex-girlfriend's 3-year-old daughter and sentenced to life in prison after Dr. Michael West testified marks on the girl were human bites that matched Brooks.

In a separate but similar case, Brewer, also of Brooksville, was convicted in 1995 of raping and killing his girlfriend's 3-year-old daughter and sentenced to death after West testified marks on her body matched Brewer's teeth.

Later, DNA testing in both cases matched a man named Justin Albert Johnson, who confessed. Johnson, who had been an initial suspect in the Brooks

case and had a history of raping women and girls, was convicted and sentenced to life in prison, while the bite marks on both girls later were determined to be more likely made by crawfish and insects in water where their bodies were dumped.

Although Brewer's conviction was vacated while he awaited execution in 2001, he was held in prison until 2008 because the prosecutor said he was going to retry him. Brooks also wasn't released until 2008.

West, of Hattiesburg, defended his testimony by saying that he never told jurors that Brooks and Brewer were the killers, only that they bit the children, and that he's not responsible for juries who found them guilty. He told the AP that DNA has made bite-mark analysis almost obsolete and that he no longer practices it.

DANE CLARK COLLINS

Collins, of Santa Fe, N.M., was arrested in 1989 and imprisoned for five months in the rape and killing of his 22-year-old stepdaughter Tracy Barker, even though a condition prevented Collins from producing sperm, which was found on Barker's body.

A forensic dentist had concluded that a mark on Barker's neck was a bite mark and matched Collins, and prosecutors vowed to seek the death penalty.

Collins was declared innocent after his attorneys revealed his



In this Friday, Feb. 15, 2008 file photo shows Kennedy Brewer, right, hugged by a friend, moments after a circuit court judge exonerated him for the kidnapping and murder of a 3-year-old girl in Macon, Miss.

medical condition and argued that the mark on Barker's neck was left when she was strangled and was not a bite mark.

Fifteen years later, the sperm found on Barker was entered into a national database not available at the time of the crime and matched Chris McClendon, a former Santa Fe ski instructor who had been convicted in a separate 1999 case of kidnapping and raping a 24-year-old Santa Fe waitress. McClendon pleaded no contest in Barker's killing to avoid the death pen-

Steady rain falls as crews work against Colo. fire

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—With evacuees anxious to return, firefighters worked Sunday to dig up and extinguish hot spots to protect homes spared by the most destructive wildfire in Colorado's history.

The labor-intensive work is necessary because extremely dry grass and trees could quickly ignite if wind stirs up hot spots in the densely wooded Black Forest near Colorado Springs.

Firefighters did get some help from the weather as steady rain moved through the area Sunday afternoon. But that weather came with some lightning, which sparked a small grass fire near one home.

"Every bit of rain helps the crews mop up. It's just adding another nail in the coffin," fire spokesman Brandon Hampton said.

Nearly 500 homes have been burned by the 22-square-mile fire, which is 65 percent contained. Crews hope to have it fully under control by Thursday.

Even though the fire was no longer active enough on Sunday to produce a large smoke plume, El Paso County Sheriff

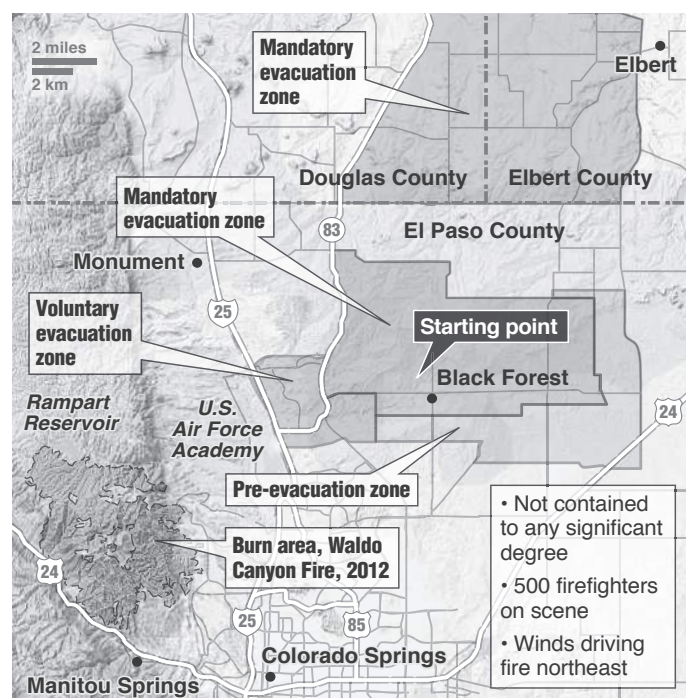
Terry Maketa said it wasn't safe for people to return home until roads and downed power lines were repaired.

Additionally, the death of two unidentified people trying

to flee the fire was still being investigated. Maketa said he was in no rush to have people return to an area that, at least for now, was still being considered a crime scene.

Fire torches Colorado town

The Black Forest Fire flared up Tuesday in suburban Colorado Springs. As of 8 p.m. ET Wednesday, it had destroyed at least 92 homes and forced 9,500 residents to evacuate.



Source: Denver Post, Colorado Springs Gazette Graphic: Robert Dorrell © 2013 MCT

IRS supervisor in DC scrutinized tea party cases

WASHINGTON (AP)—An Internal Revenue Service supervisor in Washington says she was personally involved in scrutinizing some of the earliest applications from tea party groups seeking tax-exempt status, including some requests that languished for more than a year without action.

Holly Paz, who until recently was a top deputy in the division that handles applications for tax-exempt status, told congressional investigators she reviewed 20 to 30 applications. Her assertion contradicts initial claims by the agency that a small group of agents working in an office in Cincinnati were solely responsible for mishandling the applications.

Paz, however, provided no

evidence that senior IRS officials ordered agents to target conservative groups or that anyone in the Obama administration outside the IRS was involved.

Instead, Paz described an agency in which IRS supervisors in Washington worked closely with agents in the field but didn't fully understand what those agents were doing. Paz said agents in Cincinnati openly talked about handling "tea party" cases, but she thought the term was merely shorthand for all applications from groups that were politically active—conservative and liberal.

Paz said dozens of tea party applications sat untouched for more than a year while field

agents waited for guidance from Washington on how to handle them. At the time, she said, Washington officials thought the agents in Cincinnati were processing the cases.

Paz was among the first IRS employees to be interviewed as part of a joint investigation by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

Congressional investigators have interviewed at least six IRS employees as part of their inquiry. The Associated Press has reviewed transcripts from three interviews—with Paz and with two agents, Gary Muthert and Elizabeth Hofacre, from the Cincinnati office.

Gunman shoots man during Catholic Mass in Utah

OGDEN, Utah (AP)—A 35-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of walking into a Catholic church and shooting his father-in-law in the back of the head during Mass.

Charles Richard Jennings Jr., 35, was captured Sunday afternoon in nearby Box Elder County after fleeing in a stolen pickup truck, investigators said.

Witnesses say they heard one gunshot during the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday at Saint James the Just Catholic Church in Ogden, and that parishioners immediately hit the floor.

The victim was taken to a hospital, where he was listed in critical but stable condition. His name wasn't immediately released.

Police said the victim was deliberately targeted by the gunman and it wasn't a random act

of violence.

"We don't know the motive," Ogden police Lt. Danielle Croyle told *The Salt Lake Tribune*. "It is a domestic violence-related incident."

Parishioner Rebecca Ory Hernandez said the congregation was told by a priest that the suspect and his wife had been involved in domestic disputes.

Hernandez was sitting close to the victim when the shooting occurred, she said.

"The guy walked up to his father-in-law and shot him point blank in the head," Hernandez told Ogden's *Standard-Examiner*. "Then I ran over to the victim and pulled my scarf off and put it around his head."

"He was pretty calm. There was so much blood ... People were in shock and some people were passing out. We have

some military guys in our parish and they ran out after the guy," she added.

Parishioner Leon Bedford said the victim was sitting in a back pew with his wife when their daughter and son-in-law walked in holding hands as the congregation started saying a prayer.

"Oh, it's obvious it was well planned out," Bedford told the *Standard-Examiner*. "They came into the church hand in hand, and he walked right up to (the victim) and pulled that trigger. We just hope and pray that he makes it."

Jennings is accused of stealing the truck at gunpoint from a nearby resident after fleeing the church. He was booked on charges of attempted aggravated criminal homicide and aggravated robbery.

Asia

Afghans poised to take security lead from US, NATO

JALALABAD, Afghanistan (AP)—One of the most significant turning points in one of America's longest and costliest wars is imminent: Afghanistan's fledgling security forces are taking the lead for security nationwide, bringing the moment of truth on the question of whether they are ready to fight an insurgency that remains resilient after nearly 12 years of conflict.

Nowhere is that question more pressing than in this city near the Pakistani border, which is the capital of Nangarhar province. In the province, which has a predominantly Pashtun population, the ethnic group that makes up the Taliban, insurgents regularly ambush government forces, blow up the offices of humanitarian organizations, and control parts of a countryside that has seen a spike in opium poppy cultivation.

Nangarhar is considered so dangerous that foreign military forces still handle security in more than half of its 22 districts.

That will change, after Afghan President Hamid Karzai declares—in an announcement expected soon—that Afghan forces are taking over security around the country and U.S. and other foreign forces will move entirely into a supporting, backseat role. At that point, the remaining districts in Nangarhar, along with other hotspots still in the hands of



In this Thursday, June 13, 2013 photo, Afghan National Army soldiers march in Sangin district of Kandahar province southern Afghanistan. AP

the U.S.-led International Security Assistance Force, will become the Afghan troops' full responsibility.

Residents of Jalalabad, a bustling trading hub and agricultural center on the junction of two rivers, worry about whether the Afghan forces can keep them safe from an insurgency that they say is equipped and trained in neighboring Pakistan. They also fear that the Afghan forces still don't have enough heavy

weapons or firepower.

"Our main concern is that for more than 10 years the international community managed to do nothing and that they are now trying to make us strong. It's too little too late," said Lal Mohammad Durrani, a member of the Nangarhar provincial council. "We need more weapons."

NATO training since 2009 has dramatically ramped up the Afghan National Security Forces, bringing it up from

40,000 men and women six years ago to about 352,000 today. Once the transition is announced, coalition troops will move entirely into a supporting role—training and mentoring, and in emergency situations providing the Afghans backup in combat, mainly in the form of airstrikes and medevac.

That is to pave the way for international forces—currently numbering about 100,000 troops, including 66,000 Americans—to

leave. By the end of the year, the NATO force will be halved. At the end of 2014, all combat troops will have left and will be replaced, if approved by the Afghan government, by a much smaller force that will only train and advise. President Barack Obama has not yet said how many soldiers he will leave in Afghanistan along with NATO forces, but it is thought that it would be about 9,000 U.S. troops and about 6,000 from its allies.

North Korea changes tack and tells US: Let's talk

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—After months of threatening to wage a nuclear war, North Korea did an about-face Sunday and issued a surprise proposal to the United States, its No. 1 enemy: Let's talk.

But the invitation from North Korea's National Defense Commission, the powerful governing body led by leader Kim Jong Un, comes with caveats: No preconditions and no demands that Pyongyang give up its prized nuclear assets unless Washington is willing to do the same—ground rules that make it hard for the Americans to accept.

Washington responded by saying that it is open to talks—but only if North Korea shows it will comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions and live up to its international obligations.

"As we have made clear, our desire is to have credible

negotiations with the North Koreans, but those talks must involve North Korea living up to its obligations to the world, including compliance with U.N. Security Council resolutions, and ultimately result in denuclearization," U.S. National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said in a statement. "We will judge North Korea by its actions, and not its words and look forward to seeing steps that show North Korea is ready to abide by its commitments and obligations."

North Korea's call for "senior-level" talks between the Korean War foes signals a shift in policy in Pyongyang after months of acrimony.

Pyongyang ramped up the anti-American rhetoric early this year after its launch of a long-range rocket in Decem-

ber and a nuclear test in February drew tightened U.N. and U.S. sanctions. Posters went up across the North Korean capital calling on citizens to "wipe away the American imperialist aggressors," slogans that hadn't been seen on city streets in years.

The U.S. and ally South Korea countered the provocations and threats by stepping up annual springtime military exercises, which prompted North Korea to warn of a "nuclear war" on the Korean Peninsula.

But as tensions began subsiding in May and June, Pyongyang began making tentative, if unsuccessful, overtures to re-establish dialogue with Seoul and Washington.

Earlier this month, it proposed high-level talks with South Korea—the first in six years. But plans for two days

of meetings last week in Seoul dramatically fell apart even before they began amid bickering over who would lead the two delegations.

Meanwhile, the virulent anti-American billboards plastered across the city were taken down. And on Sunday, as scores of people fanned out across Pyongyang to help carry out the latest urban renewal projects in the capital—landscaping and construction—the National Defense Commission issued a statement through state media proposing talks with the U.S. to ease tensions and discuss a peace treaty formally ending the Korean War.

One army officer, a director at the top military academy for North Korean youths, said he read about the proposal for talks in the newspaper.

"If they have talks and they

go well, that's good," Jang Chun Hyon said Monday at the Mangyongdae Revolutionary School. "But we in the army will firmly hold onto our rifles and be ready to fight whether the talks are going smoothly or not."

"Denuclearization can only be realized if the U.S. can guarantee that the whole peninsula is denuclearized," he said, repeating what he read in the paper. "The hostile U.S. should forget their anti-republic policies."

North Korea fought against U.S.-led United Nations and South Korean troops during the three-year Korean War in the early 1950s, and Pyongyang does not have diplomatic relations with either government. The Korean Peninsula remains divided by a heavily fortified border.

working conditions in the more than 4,000 garment factories in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh earns about \$20 billion each year from exports of garment products, mainly to the United States and Europe, accounting for nearly 80 percent of the country's export earnings.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Chinese activist says he's being forced out by NYU

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng, who was allowed to travel to the U.S. after escaping from house arrest, said Monday that New York University is forcing him and his family to leave at the end of this month because of pressure from the Chinese government. The university denied Chen's allegations. Chen said in a statement that China's Communist Party had been applying "great, unrelenting pressure" on NYU to ask him to leave, though he did not provide details or evidence to back his claim. Chen said Beijing's authoritarian government has more influence on the American academic community than is perceived. "The work of the Chinese Communists within academic circles in the United States is far greater than what people imagine, and some scholars have no option but to hold themselves back," he said. "Academic independence and academic freedom in the United States are being greatly threatened by a totalitarian regime."

Vietnam arrests third blogger in less than a month

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Vietnamese police have arrested a blogger accused of posting "erroneous and slanderous" information about the communist government, state media reported Monday. The blogger is the third locked up in less than a month in an intensifying crackdown against dissent. Dinh Nhat Uy was taken into police custody in southern Long An province on Saturday, the state-run Thanh Nien newspaper reported. He is accused of "abusing democratic freedoms," an offense punishable by up to seven years in prison. Uy was found to have authored and posted on his blog "erroneous and slanderous" articles and photos of the government, the newspaper said. The 30-year-old is the brother of Dinh Nguyen Kha, a student who was sentenced last month to eight years in jail for spreading propaganda against the state.

Man survives plunge from 15th floor in New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—A man was recovering in a hospital Monday after surviving a plunge from the 15th floor of his New Zealand apartment building. Police said the 20-year-old man discovered he was locked out of his 14th floor unit in the Volt Apartment building in downtown Auckland at about 2 a.m. Sunday. He decided to try and scale down the outside of the building from an apartment directly above his. Police said he was trying to land on his balcony when he fell, landing on the roof of an adjacent building far below. He was at first listed in critical condition but had improved Monday to a satisfactory condition.

Hundreds sickened in Bangladesh garment factory

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Several hundred garment workers were sickened at their factory outside Bangladesh's capital on Sunday, apparently after drinking water there.

Police official Mohammad Jahid said many of the work-

ers were treated at various hospitals after the incident at East West Factory in Gazipur district.

Jahid said most of the workers suffered vomiting and stomach problems. None was life-threatening.

He said up to 4,000 workers are employed in the factory.

Earlier this month, contaminated drinking water sickened 450 workers at Starlight Sweater Factory in the same area. Authorities cleaned the reservoir and reopened the fac-

tory a day later.

Jahid said there has not been any legal action against that factory.

A building collapse near Dhaka in April killed 1,129 workers, injured many others and highlighted hazardous

World

Egypt seen to give nod toward jihadis on Syria

CAIRO (AP)—Under Hosni Mubarak's rule, Egypt's authorities took a tough line on Egyptians coming home after waging "jihad" in places like Afghanistan, Chechnya or the Balkans, fearing they would bring back extremist ideology, combat experience and a thirst for regime change. In most cases, they were imprisoned and tortured.

But after Mubarak's overthrow and his replacement by an elected Islamist president, jihad has gained a degree of legitimacy in Egypt, and the country has become a source of fighters heading to the war in Syria.

Egyptian militants are known to have been travelling to Syria to fight alongside Sunni rebels for more than year-but their movements were done quietly. But in recent days, a string of clerics have called for jihad in Syria, with some calling for volunteers to go fight against President Bashar Assad's regime.

On Saturday, Morsi attended a rally by hard-line clerics who have called for jihad and spoke before a cheering crowd at a Cairo stadium, mainly Islamists. Waving a flag of Egypt and the Syrian opposition, he ripped into the Syrian regime, announced Egypt was cutting ties with Damascus and denounced Lebanon's Shiite Hezbollah guerrillas for fighting alongside Assad's forces.

Clerics at the rally urged



In this image released by the Egyptian Presidency, Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi waves as he arrives at a rally called for by hardline Islamists loyal to the Egyptian president to show solidarity with the people of Syria, in a stadium in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, June 15, 2013.

Morsi to back their calls for jihad to support rebels. Morsi did not address their calls and did not mention jihad. But his appearance was seen as in implicit backing of the clerics' message. It came after a senior presidential aide last week said that while Egypt was not encourag-

ing citizens to travel to Syria to help rebels, they were free to do so and the state would take no action against them.

Khalil el-Anani, an Egyptian expert on Islamist groups, called the move "Morsi's endorsement of jihad in Syria" and warned it was "a strategic mistake that

will create a new Afghanistan in the Middle East."

"He is pushing Egypt into a sectarian war in which we have no interest," he said.

The new tone in Egypt risks fueling the flow of Egyptian jihadi fighters to Syria, where the conflict is already increasingly defined by the sectarian divide, with the mostly Sunni rebels fighting a regime rooted in the minority Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiite Islam, and backed by Shiite Iran and Hezbollah.

The conflict is also becoming more regional after Hezbollah intervened to help Assad defeat rebels in a strategic western town this month. Since then, hard-liners around the region have hiked calls for Sunnis to join the rebels in the fight. There are already believed to be several thousand foreign fighters among the rebel ranks, largely Islamist extremists some with al-Qaida ties.

The United States last week hardened its own position on Assad's regime, agreeing to provide the rebels with lethal weapons.

Turkey unrest goes on despite end to park protest

ISTANBUL (AP)—Riot police cordoned off streets, set up roadblocks and fired tear gas and water cannon to prevent anti-government protesters from converging on Istanbul's central Taksim Square on Sunday, unbowed even as Turkey's prime minister addressed hundreds of thousands of supporters a few kilometers away.

The contrasting scenes pointed to an increasing polarization in Turkish society—one which critics say Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has fueled with the fiery rhetoric he has maintained since they began more than two weeks ago.

A police crackdown Saturday evening that ended an 18-day peaceful sit-in at Taksim Square's Gezi Park sparked daylong unrest on the streets of Istanbul, while police also broke up demonstrations in the capital, Ankara, and the southern city of Adana.

The protests began in Gezi Park more than two weeks ago and spread to dozens of cities across the country. Erdogan has blamed them on a nebulous plot to destabilize his government. Five people, including a policeman, have died and more than 5,000 have been injured, according to a



Turkish rights group.

Elected to his third term just two years ago with 50 percent of the vote and having steered his country to healthy economic growth, the protests are unlikely to prove an immediate threat to Erdogan's government. But they have dented his international image and exposed growing divisions within Turkish society. Never before in his 10-year tenure has Erdogan faced such an open or broad expression of discontent.

Critics have accused him of an increasingly autocratic way of governing and of try-

ing to impose his conservative Muslim views on the lifestyles of the entire population in a country governed by secular laws - charges he vehemently denies.

"They say, 'Mr. prime minister, you are too harsh,' and some (call me) 'dictator,'" he said during his speech in his second political rally in as many days. "What kind of a dictator meets with people who occupy Gezi Park as well as the sincere environmentalists?" he questioned, referring to a meeting Thursday night with protest representatives.

Venezuela's cardinal: Pope should urge coexistence

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Pope Francis should pressure Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro to focus on promoting democracy and peaceful coexistence to ease tensions with the socialist government's opponents, the Catholic Church's top representative in the country said Sunday.

Cardinal Jorge Urosa said he expected the pontiff to try to persuade Maduro during their meeting Monday at the Vatican to cease his verbal attacks on political rivals and critics.

The cardinal said he hopes to see "increased serenity and impartiality in the president's language" following the meeting.

"Hopefully when (Maduro) returns he will use much more calm and democratic language,

and also recognizes the existence and importance of those who belong to the opposition," Urosa said during an interview telecast by the privately owned Globovision channel.

It will be the president's first meeting with the new pope, who has called on Venezuela's political rivals to work toward reconciliation after the April 14 presidential election that Maduro won by a thin margin.

The relationship between Maduro and leaders of Venezuela's Catholic Church has not been friendly. But he appears to be attempting to improve ties with the church, which wields enormous influence among Venezuelans of all political leanings.

His initiative represents a

break from the rocky relations under late president Hugo Chavez, who once suggested that Christ would whip some church leaders for lying after Urosa warned that Venezuela's democratic freedoms were being eroded.

Maduro frequently insults his opponents, accusing them of attempting to undermine his government.

Adversaries say Maduro uses authoritarian tactics in an effort to weaken the opposition following his razor-thin electoral victory over Henrique Capriles. Opponents say the government is using prosecutors and judges as pawns to bring politically motivated criminal charges against government foes.

WORLD BRIEFS

Mandela seeing sustained improvement in health

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Former South African President Nelson Mandela is engaging with his family and seeing improvement from the recurring lung infection that forced him to spend a ninth day in the hospital Sunday, the president said. President Jacob Zuma said Mandela remains in serious condition but that over the last two days his doctors have said that the improvements in his health have been sustained. Zuma said Mandela "continues to engage with family," according to the prepared text of a speech released by the president's office. Family members are visiting Mandela daily. The leader of South Africa's anti-apartheid movement, Mandela spent 27 years in prison during white racist rule. He was freed in 1990 and became South Africa's first black president in 1994. His hospitalization in Pretoria, the capital, is Mandela's fourth admit-

tance for treatment since December.

Killing of 4 Shiites in Lebanon deepens tension

BEIRUT (AP)—Four Shiite Lebanese men were killed Sunday in an ambush in a volatile area by the border with Syria, hiking already high sectarian tensions and concerns over the spillover of the civil war raging next door. Gunmen from the families of the slain Shiites took to the streets and set up roadblocks between their town and the neighboring Sunni majority town of Aarsal, accusing residents there of being behind the killings. The delicate religious and sectarian balance in Lebanon, home to more than 18 sects, has been disrupted by the war across the border in Syria. Tensions have been high for months, with Lebanon's Sunnis largely supporting their brethren in Syria who make up the majority of the rebellion, while Shiites have supported President Bashar Assad.

Focus

By **CALVIN WOODWARD**
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WASHINGTON (AP)—It's as if the United States has two governments, one open and one very much not. President Barack Obama leads both, trying not to butt heads with himself.

Since becoming president, Obama has churned out an impressive stream of directives flowing from his promise to deliver "the most transparent administration in history."

He established a center devoted to declassifying records and making them public. He announced an open government initiative. Dizzying quantities of information poured into public databases. New ways were devised to show taxpayers how their money is spent. Allegiance was pledged to the rule of law.

Then there's the other government.

It prosecutes leakers like no administration before it. It exercises state-secrets privileges to quash court cases against it. It hides a vast array of directives and legal opinions underpinning government actions—not just intelligence and not all of it about national security.

Now it's known to conduct sweeping phone-records and Internet surveillance of ordinary people in programs kept on the lowdown until an employee of a National Security Agency contractor revealed them.

Dick Cheney said this would happen.

Known as the master manipulator of power behind the scenes as George W. Bush's vice president, Cheney predicted at the dawn of Obama's presidency that the relentless campaign criticism of shadowed government would not come to much.

"My guess is, once they get here and they're faced with the same problems we deal with every day, that they will appreciate some of the things we've put in place," he said. "They'll need all the authority they can muster."

The empire of secrets lives on. Steven Aftergood, director of the Project on Government Secrecy for the Federation of American Scientists, says the U.S. has both the most open government in the world and arguably the most closed. Daily it publishes an unmatched avalanche of information. But daily its national security secrets also grow by staggering amounts.

Early on, there were signs Obama would not upend the fundamental balance of this parallel universe despite his pledges to take the government in a new, open direction.

Glasnost on the Potomac would have to wait.

One sign: Obama's 2009 marching orders for classifying documents closely resembled those of his predecessors at least

back to Ronald Reagan.

Also, a 2011 review of the Obama administration's handling of public records requests under the Freedom of Information Act noted the many positive words from the president and his people about striving for a culture of disclosure. This included an executive order on his first day in office. But the review came to this jarring conclusion when actions were measured against words: "Most indicators of openness have not even returned to the average for the Bush years, a period known for secrecy." The report was by OMB Watch, now called the Center for Effective Government.

On the bright side, Aftergood says, the government puts more and better information online than ever before. But at the core, "Classification activity is very high. Secrecy has become an obstacle in many areas of public policy. And we still are living with a classification system that is a legacy of the Cold War era."

If President Dwight Eisenhower were around today, he says, "he would have no trouble understanding how the classification system works. He would feel quite at home. The rest of us feel like we're living in a 'Flintstones' episode."

The secret side of government has many pillars, some fashioned with a compliant Congress, others raised from within.

A look at some, and the weird politics swirling around them:

■ ■ ■ WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON AGAIN?

In the suddenly unfolding debate over secrecy in government, it takes a spreadsheet to know who stands where. The normal partisan divide that cleaves almost everything else in Washington is no guide. Obama at times seems to be on both sides at once.

In one corner, there's Democrat Dianne Feinstein of California, who leads the Senate Intelligence Committee, tag-teaming with Republican John Boehner of Ohio, the House speaker. Both are steaming over the actions of Edward Snowden, the NSA contractor who leaked the surveillance programs. "Treason," said Feinstein. "Traitor," said Boehner. National security hawks in both parties agree.

In the other corner, an unusual collection of liberals, civil libertarians and conservatives suspicious of government's reach is aligned against Big Brother. The American Civil Liberties Union, tea party favorites and dyed-in-the-wool progressives are these odd bedfellows.

"It's my fear that we are on the verge of becoming a surveillance state," said Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.



In this Jan. 21, 2009, file photo President Barack Obama speaks to his senior staff to assert his expectations on ethics and conduct on the White House campus in Washington.

Glasnost on the Potomac under Obama? Not quite

Some other Democrats, too, are proving hostile to the administration on this. Sens. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Mark Udall of Colorado have dogged the administration to back off what they see as an assault on civil liberties and challenged its claims that the telephone and email monitoring programs helped stop specific acts of terrorism.

The debate places them and some other congressional critics in an awkward spot.

Intelligence committee members are briefed on certain national security secrets but not allowed to talk about them. That has left Udall, for one, championing at the bit. He told The Denver Post he was well aware of the monitoring programs that shocked lawmakers who hadn't been clued in and did "everything short of leaking classified information" to bring it to light.

As a candidate, Obama criticized Bush for putting forward a "false choice between the liberties we cherish and the security we provide." Now he says, "You can't have 100 percent security and also then have 100 percent privacy and zero inconvenience," and, "We're going to have to make some choices as a society."

■ ■ ■ SECRET DIRECTIVES AND PRIVILEGES

These tools have been used just as vigorously as in the Bush years, watchdogs say, despite modest steps toward accountability.

The state-secrets privilege helps the government withhold sensitive national security records in court proceedings. But in its 2013 review of Obama's first term, the Center for Effective

Government says both the Bush and Obama administrations used the privilege to dismiss entire cases against the government, not just protect specific records.

The government also operates with a range of regulations, legal opinions and policy directives that never see the light of day.

Targeted drone killings, the recently leaked phone and email surveillance programs, and a former Bush program of warrantless wiretapping came from these shadows.

"The administration has continued to use secret 'laws' to make controversial decisions without oversight, to disallow legal challenge, and to withhold key decisions and memoranda that have the force of law from public scrutiny," the center says.

Certain actions are subject to court scrutiny but it's a court like none other. The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court hears cases inside vaults in a federal courthouse. Legal justifications are classified, there's no lawyer countering the government's case for authority and the decisions are rarely made public.

In one step toward openness, the Obama administration has disclosed some secret legal opinions, but only those from the previous administration, regarding the treatment of terrorist detainees and some other matters specific to the Bush years.

■ ■ ■ LOOSE LIPS SINK SHIPS

The Obama administration has pursued an unprecedented number of investigations of those who leak government secrets and taken extraordinary steps in doing so. Among them are

the secret seizure by the Justice Department of two months of phone records for more than 20 Associated Press telephone lines and the gathering of emails of Fox News journalist James Rosen, in both cases to try to identify sources of stories.

At the same time, a 2012 law signed by Obama improved protections for whistle-blowers, generally understood to be those in government who expose waste, fraud or abuse. Spill-ers of national security secrets needn't apply.

All governments always have kept secrets on the grounds that sensitive information cannot fall into the hands of adversaries and that frank discussions among nations and inside the government must stay confidential until they no longer matter. But history is rife with secrets kept for political purposes, to conceal corruption and simply to avoid inconvenience or embarrassment.

The sensational leak of the classified Pentagon Papers in 1971 revealed pernicious efforts to mislead the public on the depth of U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia. Cascading revelations in that time laid bare domestic spying to disrupt civil rights and anti-Vietnam War protests, assassination plots against foreign leaders and a campaign of character assassination against Martin Luther King Jr.

Now the court martial of Army Pfc. Bradley Manning is addressing how grave were the secrets he revealed when he supplied WikiLeaks with more than 700,000 classified battlefield reports, diplomatic cables and video clips while working as an intelligence analyst in

Iraq. His lawyers contend damage was minimal. The government argues the revelations included extraordinarily sensitive information that endangered lives—revealing troop movements, code words, the names of suspects under investigation and much more—and that some of it ended up in the hands of Osama bin Laden.

■ ■ ■ FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Classified government documents fall into one of three big categories: confidential, secret and top secret. Beyond that, though, is a plethora of subclassifications.

The government is awash in "sensitive but unclassified" material, information that doesn't meet the standard for national security classification but is touchy enough to warrant some level of protection. Each agency has had its own system and the result, of course, has been a mess: several hundred unique classifications or labels that sound official, mean little and confuse everything.

Obama ordered the administration in 2009 to speed up declassification, standardize the hodgepodge and restrain the bureaucratic tendency to mark records with more confidentiality than they deserve. But the rules deliberately left plenty of wiggle room, and there's been a lot of wiggling. The essential tenets of secrecy remained unchanged.

Obama specified that those who assign classification levels to federal records should, by default, pick the least restrictive category, not automatically bump it up, absent serious doubt about what to do.

Aftergood chuckled over that one. "That does not translate into an instruction that has any teeth."

"Classifiers," he said, "they do not sit, Hamlet-like, and wonder whether or not they should classify. They aren't crippled by doubt."

In other words, they do the safe thing and classify, classify and overclassify.

That's why the vast ocean of classified information is swimming with oh-so-ordinary material—rehashes of newspaper clippings, bland diplomatic cables conveying information anyone can find online, summaries of foreigners' public speeches and the like—as well as the juicy stuff. It costs billions a year to keep it all under wraps.

Now, it has emerged that some of Obama's political appointees are using secret government email accounts to conduct official business. This practice raises questions about how agencies can fulfill their legal obligation to find and share official emails in congressional inquiries and under public records requests.

Overdrive

Lexus IS ramps up style, performance



The 2014 Lexus IS 250 and 350 are the smallest rear-wheel-drive cars in the Lexus lineup. For 2014, the IS wears the styling that has trickled down from LS, GS and ES sedans and, as a result, possesses a visual presence it's never previously had.

By LARRY PRINTZ
THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

PINEHURST, N.C.—When it comes to buying a new car these days, there seem to be two types: low-end and high-end. The middle of the market and the brands that once served it—Pontiac, Oldsmobile and Mercury—have vanished. To fill the void, many top-shelf nameplates now offer small premium models, and they've become a red-hot part of the market.

This is the niche that the 2014 Lexus IS 250 and 350 serve. It's the smallest rear-wheel-drive car in the Lexus lineup, a slot it's filled since its introduction in 2001.

For 2014, the IS wears the styling that has trickled down from LS, GS and ES sedans and, as a result, possesses a visual presence it's never previously had. Like its siblings, it has a gracefully sporty look, forgoing the generic look that has long plagued Lexus models.

The third-generation IS' design is helped by the front end, which wears the most dynamic rendition of Lexus' new spindle grille. It's hard to tell from photos, but the IS' face is artfully sculptural.

Unlike many grilles, which are merely flat bits of plastic, the IS' grille has an aggressive three-dimensional playfulness. It demands your attention. My advice? Take it in as if you were admiring a great work of art. It's that good—at least if you order the F-Sport Package, which wears a frenetic grille pattern. Standard IS models have flat slats that clash with the otherwise organic front end.

Lighting has much to do with this little lover's new look. Up front, LEDs are housed in a boomerang-shaped opening, which is mirrored out back by the daggerlike points of rear tail lamps.

While the IS is no longer a sty-

listic wallflower, its newfound aggressiveness doesn't fully extend to its performance. Lexus has axed the high-performance IS-F model, as well as the IS convertible.

For now, the IS is offered solely as a sedan with one of two engines, both of which carry over from last year. The IS 250 has a 204-horsepower 2.5-liter V-6 and a six-speed automatic transmission while the IS 350 receives a 306-horsepower V-6 mated to a new eight-speed automatic transmission. A manual

transmission is not offered and—as is usual for a Toyota or Lexus model—neither is a hybrid, although an IS hybrid will be sold overseas. All-wheel drive, however, is optional.

That said, the new IS is a notable improvement over its predecessor, especially when it came to handling. To prove the point, Lexus offered up a chance to drive old and new IS models back-to-back at Rockingham Speedway near Raleigh, N.C. Here, Lexus offered up rear-wheel and all-wheel-drive versions of the 2014 IS 250 and 350 as well as a 2013 IS 350.

NUTS & BOLTS

2014 Lexus IS:

- Engine: 3.5-liter DOHC V-6
- Wheelbase: 110.2 inches
- Length: 183.7 inches
- Weight: 3,737 pounds
- EPA rating (city/highway): 19/26 mpg
- Fuel consumption: Not available
- Fuel type: Premium
- Base price, base model: \$35,950
- Base price, test model: \$41,700
- As tested: \$49,154

Prices include destination charges.

The old IS feels like an unruly child when pushed to perform at the

track. It takes much more effort to keep it under control. In contrast, the new IS seems more responsive and sure-footed when put through its paces. Carving through a corner, it's much easier to control the back end through judicious use of the throttle. Unlike the old model, which was a bit ornery, the new one is fun without inducing fear.

The new IS uses many components from the larger GS sedan, including the rear suspension and steering. Lexus says that cornering grip has improved 15 percent; on the track, it certainly felt that way.

All of this is said with a caveat. While all IS models benefit from the improvements in the platform, it's most apparent when an IS is equipped with the optional F Sport Package.

It's more than just a cosmetic upgrade, although there are unique interior and exterior design touches. Especially appreciated is the revised instrument cluster. Adapted from the Lexus LFA supercar, it features a large tachometer with a digital readout for speed. Other information is presented in a diminished fashion, to keep your attention focused on the most essential information.

But it's the 18-inch wheels and special suspension tuning that make a real difference. That's especially true on the IS 350 F Sport, which gets a special suspension that allows the driver to fine-tune the IS F Sport's ride characteristics with a choice of two settings: Normal, for everyday driving, and Sport S or Sport S Plus mode, for optimal body control and agility during aggressive maneuvers.

Surprisingly, the added athleticism of the IS on the track didn't

seem as apparent when driving on public roads. That's because Lexus engineers retained a level of driving comfort that its buyers expect. The sportiness was added in, but you have to dial it up. This is a car that doesn't always feel as frisky and ready to play as a BMW 3 Series or a Cadillac ATS. That's not saying that it can't hold its own alongside them, only that it's a difference in personality.

As before, the 250 has adequate power; tapping it all means constantly working the throttle to extract extra juice. In contrast, the 350 unloads its power effortlessly. Both models have paddles mounted on the steering wheel to provide for sequential manual shifting.

Beyond performance, there's much more to appreciate for 2014.

The new IS sports a wheelbase that's 2.7 inches longer, while overall length is up 3.6 inches. The front seats seem roomier, but it's in the rear seat where the added length pays the biggest dividend. It now has enough legroom to fit those over 6 feet tall.

Overall interior quality has improved as well, with better materials and finishes throughout the cabin.

Climate, audio, phone and other controls are found on a center-mounted screen that's controlled by a mouse mounted on the center console. Its feel takes a little longer to master than similar systems since the cursor on the screen doesn't always seem to land where you direct it.

While the Lexus IS competes with BMW 3 Series, Mercedes-Benz C-Class, Audi A4, Volvo S60, Cadillac ATS and others, it's a distinct personality. It's not the sportiest, but can keep pace with them while retaining traditional Lexus priorities in comfort. And, for the first time, it seems to have a personality.

For the 2014 Lexus IS, it looks like the third time is a charm.

Could Pontiac's knock be a piston slap?

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)



QUESTION: I have a 2003 Pontiac Vibe, which is basically a Toyota Matrix, with 135,000 miles on it. This past winter, on a cold start it would knock for a minute or three,

depending on how cold. A friend who is a GM technician said that it is a cold piston slap and it will last for a long time. Now, because I am aware of the sound, I can faintly hear it this summer. Could it be anything else?

ANSWER: The real concern would be if the knock came from a crankshaft or rod bearing. But I don't think the knock you've described is from the bottom end of the engine. Usually, a bearing knock on a cold start lasts only a few seconds until the oil pressure comes up.

Piston slap, on the other hand, does tend to last longer until the piston heats up, expands slightly and reduces the clearance between piston skirt and cylinder wall. In some cases, like my 42-year-old Corvette, the noise never goes away due to age, wear and mileage. But a piston slap is typically not harmful, nor does it shorten engine life. It's just annoying.

Which is it in your vehicle? Use an inexpensive mechanic's stethoscope or long wooden or metal rod to "listen" to your engine. Place the end of the "scope" against the side of the block near the top of the cylinders, then hold the other end to your ear and listen carefully. Do the same thing at the bottom of the block just above the oil pan. If it's piston slap, you'll hear it at the top of the block. If it's a bearing, it will be loudest at the bottom of the block. I'm betting on piston slap.

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Q: I have a 2001 Cadillac STS with 136,000 miles. One high-intensity discharge, or HID, headlight is out. The same thing happened four years ago, and the cost of replacing the headlight and ballast unit was \$1,500. Do you have any suggestions that would be less expensive?

A: Start by checking the 15-amp fuse for the non-working headlamp located in the underhood fuse block. If it's good, try swapping the working HID bulb, referred to as a starter/arc tube, for the one that doesn't work. If it lights, the problem is the D1R HID bulb. If it doesn't, the ballast unit is likely the problem.

I searched online and found the D1R bulbs for about \$30 and the ballast unit for around \$90.

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Q: The center high mounted stop lamp, or CHMSL, on my 2006 Taurus stopped working. I purchased an original manufacturer replacement that the dealer tested in front of me, and it lit up. But when I installed it in my car, it did not function. I had it retested at the dealer and it worked fine. The brake lights in the tail-lights function as normal. I put a meter to the connector of the CHMSL and got no reading.

A: Since the outboard stop lamps work properly, the issue is somewhere between the brake light switch under the dash and the CHMSL lamp in the deck lid. Check for voltage—with the brake pedal applied, of course—at the harness connector under the parcel shelf behind the rear seat. If you get voltage, the problem is in the deck lid harness or connectors. If there's no voltage, the problem is in the harness or connectors between the brake light switch and the parcel shelf connector.

Paul Brand, author of How to Repair Your Car, is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver.

Life & Style

Miss Connecticut wins Miss USA contest in Vegas



Miss Connecticut Erin Brady is crowned the winner of the Miss USA 2013 pageant by Nana Meriwether, Sunday, June 16, 2013, in Las Vegas. ^{AP}

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A 25-year-old accountant from Connecticut with a secret glamorous side is the new Miss USA.

Family tweets indicate that Kim Kardashian gave birth

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It looks to be a baby girl for Kim Kardashian and her rapper boyfriend Kanye West. Or does it?

The couple was keeping silent on Sunday in the wake of multiple reports that Kardashian gave birth over the weekend—about a month premature.

But Kardashian's sister Khloe appears to have let a rather cryptic cat out of the bag on Twitter.

"I can not even begin to describe the miracle that is now apart of our family. Mommy/baby are healthy & resting. We appreciate all of the love," she tweeted Sunday.

She quickly followed with a second tweet: "More info will come when the time is right! Thank you all for understanding! We love you all dearly! Overwhelmed with love right now."

Kardashian mom Kris Jenner linked to both tweets on her Twitter account, then wished West a Happy Father's Day.

Asked for comment on the red carpet at the Daytime Emmys, where she was a presenter, Jenner said, "She's in charge," pointing at her publicist who whisked her away from print reporters after doing TV interviews.

The reality TV star's pregnancy was almost as anticipated

as the royal pregnancy of Kate Middleton, who is due in mid-July. That's about the time the Kardashian baby had been due.

The 32-year-old has often been photographed since announcing she was pregnant, opting to continue to wear designer clothing. She told The Associated Press in April that she eventually embraced being an expecting mom after getting past "the awkward phases and stages."

The couple had initially kept the baby's gender a secret, but the sex was revealed earlier this month during one of Kardashian's doctor appointments on "Keeping up with the Kardashians."

News of the birth has been swaddled in secrecy. Representatives for West and Kim Kardashian didn't respond to emails and calls from The Associated Press, nor did any representatives for family members, friends and professional associates. And all of the weekend media reports on the birth were attributed to anonymous sources.

In a recent interview with The New York Times, West said he didn't like talking about his family or the arrival of his child.

"Like, this is my baby. This isn't America's baby," he said.

Erin Brady of South Glastonbury, Connecticut, won the beauty pageant at the Planet Hollywood hotel-casino Sunday night after strutting in a white sparkly gown and answering a question about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision upholding widespread DNA tests. Asked if she agreed with the decision to swab the cheeks of arrestees, Brady said she did, since they had committed crimes after all.

Brady, who started competing in beauty pageants two year ago, gets the crown and a New York apartment for one year. She is expected to spend

her title reign on a nationwide speaking tour and raising breast and ovarian cancer awareness, the organization's official cause.

As the stage emptied, Brady spoke about her commitment to fighting drug and alcohol abuse, which have marked her family, and her excitement at the prospect of telling her bosses at Prudential Financial she wasn't coming in tomorrow. Or ever again.

"They're going to be very upset to learn that I'm not coming," she said.

Asked what she was looking forward to, now that the com-

petition is over, she described a routine that sounded not very different from her training regime: getting in her beauty sleep and hitting the gym.

Her father Francis said he always knew his math-oriented daughter was a glamour girl. She and her sisters used to strut around and pretend they were beauty queens.

"My grandmother used to have a video camera and she's tell us to walk around the pool like Miss America," Brady's sister Lauren said.

Unlike the rival Miss America pageant, Miss USA doesn't ask its queens to perform a talent or

choose a charity mission.

The pageant aired live on NBC, hosted by Nick Jonas of the Jonas Brothers pop act and Giuliana Rancic, co-anchor of "E! News." The Jonas Brothers and DJ Pauly D were expected to perform.

The winner will represent the United States at the Miss Universe pageant in the winter.

Last year's Miss USA, Olivia Culpo, won that international crown, becoming the first Miss USA to ascend to Miss Universe in 16 years.

Brady said she is determined to pull off that feat for the U.S. again.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

†Concepcion Diaz Cabrera

Lovingly known as "Chong Diaz"
February 08, 1931 – June 14, 2013

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:

Husband: †Juan Leon Guerrero Cabrera

Parents: †Francisco Dela Cruz Diaz
†Maria Torres Diaz

Parents-in-law: †Prudencio Mendiola Cabrera
†Maria Muna Deleon Guerrero

Granddaughter: †Crystal Lynn A. Cabrera

Brothers, Sisters, In-Laws:

†Vicente D. & †Teresa U Diaz, †Francisco D. Diaz, †Isabel D. Diaz,
†Nicolas D. Diaz, †Nicolas D. Diaz, †Rosa D. & †Clark Gonzales,
†Rita D. Sablan, †Antonio & †Maria M. Diaz, †Emiliana D. Diaz,
†Jose D. & †Tomasa U. Diaz, †Juana D. Diaz, †Rita
D. Diaz, †Maria D. Diaz, †Joaquin P. &
†Emiliana S. Villagomez.

†Maximo DLG. Cabrera, †Lazarus DLG. Cabrera,
†Antonio DLG. Cabrera & †Martha DLG. Cabrera

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren:

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Francisco D. and Vivian P. Cabrera and children
Isabel C. and Ari Altinman and children
Jose D. and Gail M. Cabrera, children and grandchildren
Emiliana C. and Alfredo Montoya and children
Martha C. & Edward Santos and children
Lucia C. and Vicente B. Castro and children
Victor D. & Lourdes H. Cabrera and children

Reared Daughter: Claire Dina Cabrera

Brothers, Sisters In-Laws: Maria Tanaka Diaz, Herman S. Sablan, Lorenzo DLG. & Rosa S. Cabrera, Alejandra C. & Manuel P. Cruz, Anna C. & Ken Baer, Natividad DLG. Cabrera, Soledad C. Cabrera

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each evening at 06:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church. On Wednesday, June 19th and Friday, June 21st, Mass of Intention will be offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 06:00 a.m.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2013. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 07:30 a.m. to Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso services will be at 08:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

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Children & Family

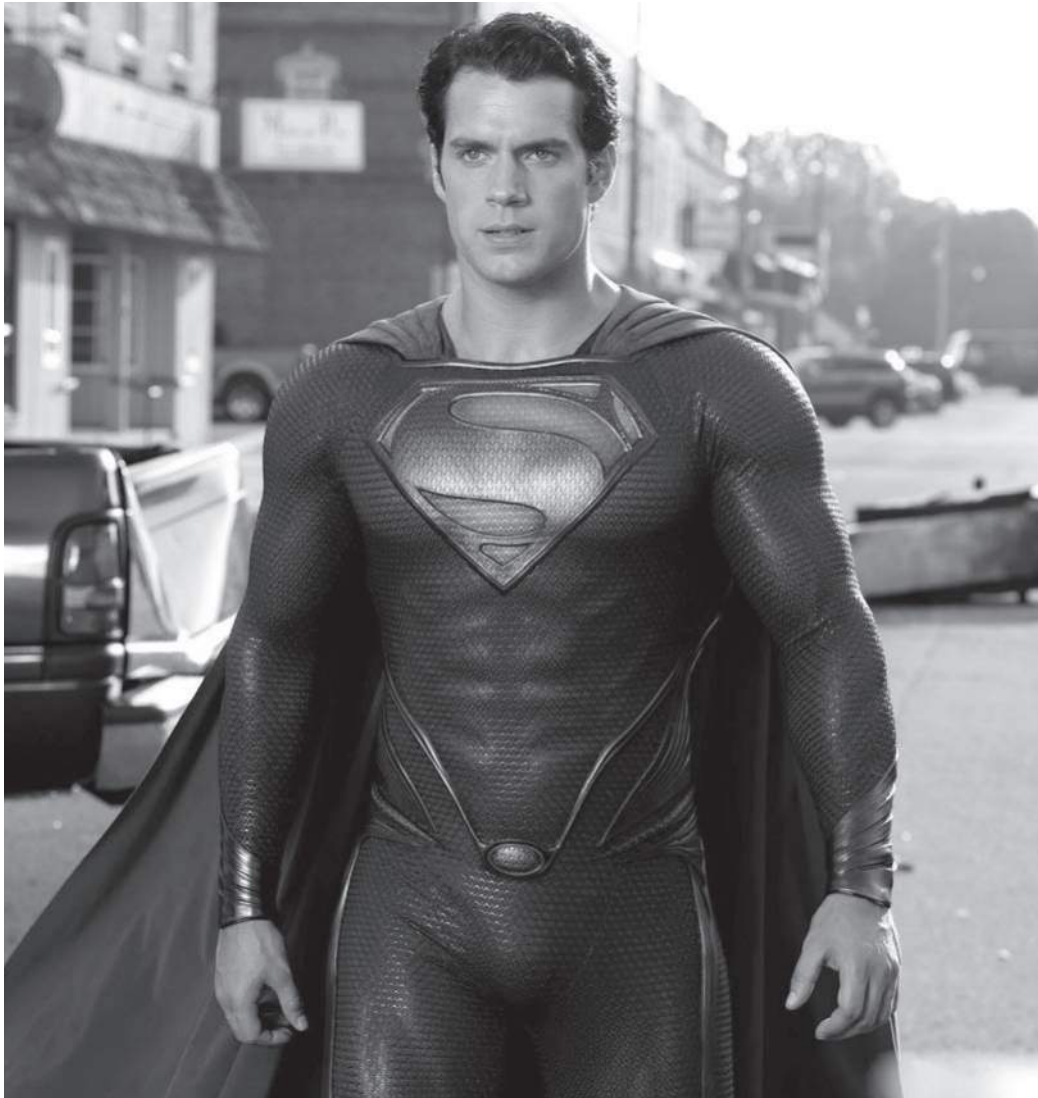
'Man of Steel' takes flight with \$125M debut

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Man of Steel" leaped over box office expectations in a single weekend.

The Warner Bros. superhero film earned \$113 million in its opening weekend at the box office, according to studio estimates Sunday. The retelling of Superman's backstory earned an additional \$12 million from Thursday screenings, bringing its domestic total to \$125 million. Original box-office expectations for "Man of Steel" ranged from \$75 million to \$130 million.

"They finally got the Superman formula right," said Paul Dergarabedian, an analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com. "Superhero movies really are the bread and butter of the summer box office. The fact that 'Iron Man 3' has the biggest opening of the year so far and 'Man of Steel' has the second biggest opening of the year just proves that."

"Man of Steel," which stars British actor Henry Cavill as Superman and Amy Adams as Lois Lane, also nabbed the record for June's biggest opening away from "Toy Story 3," the Disney-Pixar film which banked \$110.3 million when it opened in 2010. "Superman Returns," the previous Superman film starring Brandon Routh in the titular role, launched with \$52.5 million



Henry Cavill as Superman in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Legendary Pictures' action adventure, "Man of Steel," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

in 2006.

The new take on Superman's origin also performed

solidly overseas, earning \$71.6 million from 24 territories, including the Philippines, India,

Malaysia and the United Kingdom, where "Man of Steel" earned \$17.1 million. The

film, which also stars Russell Crowe and Michael Shannon, is set to open next weekend in 27 more territories, such as Russia and China.

Sony's "This Is the End" debuted in second place in North America behind "Man of Steel" with \$20.5 million in its opening weekend. The comedy starring Seth Rogen, James Franco and Jonah Hill as versions of themselves

lusionist heist film "Now You See Me" fleeced \$10.3 million in third place, bringing its total domestic haul to \$80 million. Universal's "Fast & Furious 6" arrived in fourth place with \$9.4 million, while the studio's invasion horror film "The Purge" starring Ethan Hawke scared up \$8.2 million in the fifth spot.

The super openings of "Man of Steel" and "This Is the End"

1. "Man of Steel," \$113 million (\$71.6 million international).
2. "This Is the End," \$20.5 million.
3. "Now You See Me," \$10.3 million (\$15.6 million international).
4. "Fast & Furious 6," \$9.4 million (\$20 million international).
5. "The Purge," \$8.2 million (\$2.4 million international).
6. "The Internship," \$7 million (\$5.1 million international).
7. "Epic," \$6 million (\$8.1 million international).
8. "Star Trek: Into Darkness," \$5.6 million (\$17 million international).
9. "After Earth," \$3.7 million (\$24 million international).
10. "Iron Man 3," \$2.9 million (\$1 million international).

trapped in a mansion during the apocalypse opened Wednesday, earning a domestic total of \$32.8 million. The film cost just \$32 million to produce.

"We knew we were going to have competition, but we felt our movie stood on its own and had its own voice," said Rory Bruer, Sony's president of worldwide distribution. "I believe we've absolutely proven that. To have this amount of money in the bank with its cost of production, good reviews and word of mouth really puts our feet on solid ground."

In its third weekend at the box office, the Lionsgate il-

helped to lift the box office 50 percent over last year when "Madagascar 3" and "Prometheus" held on to the top spots. "Man of Steel" will face off against stiff competition next week when Paramount's Brad Pitt zombie thriller "World War Z" and the Disney-Pixar's prequel "Monsters University" both debut.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released on Monday.

What's next? Will Superman get some super friends?

By DAVID FRESE
THE KANSAS CITY STAR

So the billion dollar question is ... can "Man of Steel" help DC Comics catch up to Marvel Comics at the box office?

Maybe.

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Tue. - Wed.700 PM

THIS IS THE END [CC] (R)
Tue. - Wed.(445 PM) 730 PM

INTERNSHIP, THE [CC] (PG-13)
Tue. - Wed.(410 PM) 720 PM

THE PURGE [CC] (R)
Tue. - Wed.(330 PM 550 PM) 800 PM

AFTER EARTH [CC] (PG-13)
Tue. - Wed.(435 PM) 710 PM

NOW YOU SEE ME [CC] (PG-13)
Tue. - Wed.(430 PM) 715 PM

FAST & FURIOUS 6 [CC] (PG-13)
Tue. - Wed.(425 PM) 725 PM

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Warner Bros. is fast-tracking a "Man of Steel" sequel, with a "Justice League" super-team movie to follow. Hollywood website Deadline.com reported that "Man of Steel's" director / writer team, Zack Snyder and David S. Goyer, would return for more.

Goyer told MTV about some clues within "Man of Steel" foretelling possible films in the DC universe. A truck and a building bear the logo for Lexcorp, the company owned by arch-nemesis Lex Luthor, who never appears in this installment. If you listen carefully, you'll hear mention of S.T.A.R. labs, where, in the comics, the half-man, half-machine Cyborg is born. And a space fight between Superman and Zod destroys a satellite bearing a Wayne Industries logo.

Wayne as in Bruce Wayne.

As in Batman.

Though maybe not the Batman of Christopher Nolan's "Dark Knight" movies.

"The 'Dark Knight' films do not exist in the same universe," Goyer said. "Zack has gone on record. The fact that we have Wayne Industries on the satellite, Bruce Wayne exists in this universe. Lex Luthor exists in this universe. Other metahumans do exist in this universe, so the hope is, depending on how the film does, that we'll be able to roll into some other films."

"Man of Steel" is opening in more than 4,000 theaters, Forbes reported that the studio is downplaying expectations and looking for a \$75 million weekend. Some experts say it'll be closer to \$90-\$100 million, in line with Marvel's first "Iron Man" movie, which made \$102 million in 2008. But "Iron Man 3," by comparison, opened with \$174 million.

Warner Bros., which owns DC Comics, tried to reboot the Last Son of Krypton in June 2006 with "Superman Returns," starring Brandon Routh. That film opened with \$52 million and was considered something of a creative and box office failure.

The studio's last big superhero movie, "The Dark Knight Rises," grossed \$161 million in its opening weekend.

Fans and the studio want a series of DC Comics-based films that build on one another, as Marvel did with Iron Man, Captain America and Thor.

What made the Marvel films unique was their connectivity: four movies set in the same universe, with short post-credits teasers that set up the next film or chapter in the story.

Then Marvel, now owned by Walt Disney Co., assembled those established heroes with other major and minor characters from the films (Hulk from

his own films, Black Widow from "Iron Man 2" and Hawkeye in "Thor") in "The Avengers," which made \$1.5 billion worldwide.

Marvel is readying a slew of sequels: After this year's "Iron Man 3" (\$1.2 billion worldwide gross and counting), comes another "Thor" this fall and another "Captain America" next spring. Next summer, Marvel launches the little-known "Guardians of the Galaxy," which will somehow tie in with the "Avengers" sequel in 2015. And on and on.

Warner's first attempt at opening up the DC Universe beyond Batman and Superman—2011's "Green Lantern"—was a criti-



This film publicity image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Russell Crowe as Joe-El in "Man of Steel."

cal and commercial failure. The film opened with \$53 million and grossed \$220 million worldwide, according to Box Office Mojo—seemingly impressive until you consider the film's \$200 million budget, not counting marketing expenses.

The studio tried to emulate Marvel with a post-credit scene in "Green Lantern," hinting at a possible sequel that hasn't and likely won't happen.

At the end of his "Dark Knight" trilogy, the notoriously secretive Nolan left the door to the Batcave wide open for sequels.

We held out hope that "Man of Steel" would end with a camera panning across a high-tech computer screen showing footage of the new alien "superman," a report on a green-clad ring slinger (Green Lantern), the discovery of an island of Amazon women (Wonder Woman) and news of a super-fast crime fighter (the Flash). In the background we'd hear the distinctive accent of Michael Caine saying, "I've prepared your breakfast, Master Bruce. Will there be anything more?" and a shot of Christian Bale saying, "Hmm."

No such luck. Those staying through the credits of "Man of Steel" will be rewarded with ... nothing.

If you're a fan of these films and characters, you'll just have to keep your eyes peeled during the film and your fingers crossed.

Kanye West's 'Yeezus' leaks, Internet goes crazy

LOS ANGELES—"Yeezus," the highly anticipated new album from Kanye West, leaked online on Friday morning, resulting in immediate Twitter trending and sending less-ethical fans all over the world to various illegal download and mirror sites to get a free copy.

The back cover of the CD has also leaked, which shows the many samples and songwriters

involved in West's newest construction. Among those sampled include Nina Simone, whose version of "Strange Fruit" gets center stage on "Blood on the Leaves." The title takes its name from the lyrics to the song, which describes in horrifying detail the lynching of a black man.

Other samples include work by dancehall artists Capleton

and Beenie Man, blues artist Latimore, rapper/producer Marley Marl and, most curiously, Hungarian prog rock band Omega on "New Slaves." Collaborators also include Daft Punk, Frank Ocean, Justin Vernon, Kid Cudi, Chief Keef and others.

Though the leak was inevitable, West recently brushed off any concerns he had about sales

numbers for the album, his sixth solo release. "Honestly at this point, I could give a ... about selling a million records as long as I put out an album for the summer that y'all can rock to for all ... summer," he told fans at the Governors Ball Music Festival in New York last weekend.

"Yeezus" officially comes out on Tuesday. (*Los Angeles Times*)

Swift not worried about connecting with fans



NEW YORK (AP)—Taylor Swift shares her feelings and personal experiences on her hit records, but the 23-year-old Grammy winner isn't worried about losing intimacy with her fans on a stadium tour.

"I find that you have to emote a little bigger, but you can reach all the way up to the top," she said. "Eye contact is important, even if it's from 500 yards away."

Swift said she's never worried about the sound being lost in a massive space. With a few shows already under her belt, she feels they've gone pretty well.

"Everyone who comes to these shows seems so engaged," she said. "They come to the show. They know the words. I'm singing the words. We're singing them at the same time, and therein lies the connection. It goes beyond what size the venue is."

She recently embarked on her

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This June 12, 2013 photo released by Starpix shows singer Taylor Swift at The Fragrance Foundation Awards at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in New York.

RED tour of North America. Later this fall, she'll perform in Australia and New Zealand.

Swift, who writes her own songs, has sold more than 75 million albums. She recently appeared on the Fox sitcom "New Girl." And while she likes acting, she has no plans to put aside her guitar and pen—unless something really impresses her.

"I love to write music. And I love to put an album together and take two years to do it and put everything I have into it. (Except) if there was something, some script that came along that was so enticing that I couldn't walk away from it, that I became obsessed with that the way I obsess over music," she said. "If you see me commit to a film, it's only because I couldn't focus on anything else."

Swift was honored as Fragrance Celebrity of the Year at the Fragrance Awards, presented Wednesday night at Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center.

"Getting this award is such an honor," she said on the red carpet before the event.

Jay-Z announces new album with Samsung deal

NEW YORK (AP)—Jay-Z is teaming up with Samsung to release his new album, unveiling a three-minute commercial during the NBA Finals and announcing a deal that will give the music to 1 million users of Galaxy mobile phones.

The new album, called "Magna Carta Holy Grail," will be free for the first 1 million android phone owners who download an app for



Jay-Z

the album. Those who do so will get the album on July 4, three days before its official release, according to a Sunday statement.

Samsung is a leader in the mobile phone market and has been steadily chipping away at Apple's share of the market with its Galaxy phones. The deal with Jay-Z is yet another example of how mobile companies are using music to lure new consumers.

'Curb Your Enthusiasm' actor Jeff Garlin

arrested

LOS ANGELES

(AP) —

Los Angeles police say "Curb Your Enthusiasm"

actor and

comedian Jeff Garlin has been arrested on a felony vandalism charge after a dispute with another motorist over a parking space.

Police Sgt. Harry Rosenfeld says the 51-year-old actor was arrested for allegedly smashing the windows of the other person's car. Rosenfeld says officers arrested Garlin in Studio City on Saturday.

Garlin was jailed on \$20,000 bail. It wasn't clear from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's website if he had been released. Garlin's publicists didn't immediately respond to phone and email messages Sunday.

Garlin played Larry David's friend and manager on "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and was the show's co-executive producer. He's also appeared frequently on "Arrested Development" and numerous other television shows.

TMZ first reported his arrest.



Garlin

Jew striving for Orthodox life wants fiance to support her

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: I have been with my fiance for four years. He is 32, I'm 23. He is Catholic and I am Jewish. When I met him, I wasn't particularly religious, but since planning a trip to Israel and after studying under a rabbi, I have become more religious.

I now keep kosher and try to be as close to Orthodox as I can. I eventually want an Orthodox Jewish home and for my children to be raised Jewish. But every time I try to discuss this with him, he nods his head and says in a sarcastic tone, "Uh-huh."

I don't think he understands how serious I am about becoming Orthodox, even though I live the lifestyle now. How can I ensure that he will live and raise our children in an Orthodox Jewish way before I walk down the aisle and it is too late?

KEEPING KOSHER IN NEW YORK

DEAR KEEPING KOSHER: Your fiance is behaving as if he thinks you are going through a phase rather than making an actual commitment to becoming Orthodox Jewish. If he had any interest in raising his children in the Jewish faith, he would have shown it by asking questions and trying to learn more about what that would entail.

I won't mince words with you: The only guarantee I can offer that your children will be raised Orthodox Jewish would be for you to marry a man who feels similarly.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife is the best thing that ever happened to me. After 34 years together—28 of them married—she is still the love of my life. How can I express this to her?

I have done the usual things over the years: candy, flowers, presents. I give cards, but I am not a wordsmith. I love her so much I don't know if it is even possible to express it with words or gifts, but still I try.

Do you have any suggestions on how I can convey my love to this wonderful woman who I call my wife?

SPEECHLESS IN OHIO

DEAR SPEECHLESS: You don't have to be a wordsmith to say "I love you" when she awakens in the morning and repeat it as she goes to sleep each night. Flowers, candy and presents are demonstrations of your love, but just as meaningful can be something as simple as holding her hand when you walk together and turning up the thermostat when she's chilly—even if you aren't.

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DEAR ABBY: May I vent about something? It really irritates me when people write to you and blame a bad childhood on how they turned out. I didn't have the best childhood. I was molested by my mom's second husband, was on my own at 15, and pregnant at 16 and again at 17.

I wasn't on welfare when I had my kids—I have worked and supported them by myself from day one. Don't get me wrong: I'm not bragging. But I had a tough time growing up. Now, at 33, I have two beautiful daughters who turned out well. I also have a good job and a fiance who loves us all.

We are who we make ourselves become. It doesn't always have to turn into a tragedy. I get so tired of hearing about people who kill, people who are strung out on drugs, and people in general who blame everything on when they were kids and how bad they had it.

DOING JUST FINE IN TEXAS

DEAR DOING JUST FINE: You are entitled to vent; that's what I'm here for. I commend you for your determination, resilience and resourcefulness in dealing with the challenges you faced while growing up, and for passing those traits on to your daughters.

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Palin back at Fox

NEW YORK (AP)—Sarah Palin is rejoining Fox News Channel.

The network said Thursday that the former Republican vice presidential candidate has signed on as a contributor to Fox and the Fox Business Network. Her first appearance is scheduled for Monday on the "Fox & Friends" morning show—on the same day CNN is premiering a morning show to great fanfare.

Fox and Palin parted ways in January after she had worked there for three years as a contributor. They had talked about renewing their contract, but it didn't happen. Money may have been a factor: Palin was signed for a reported \$1 million a year when she originally joined Fox less than two years after being John McCain's running mate.



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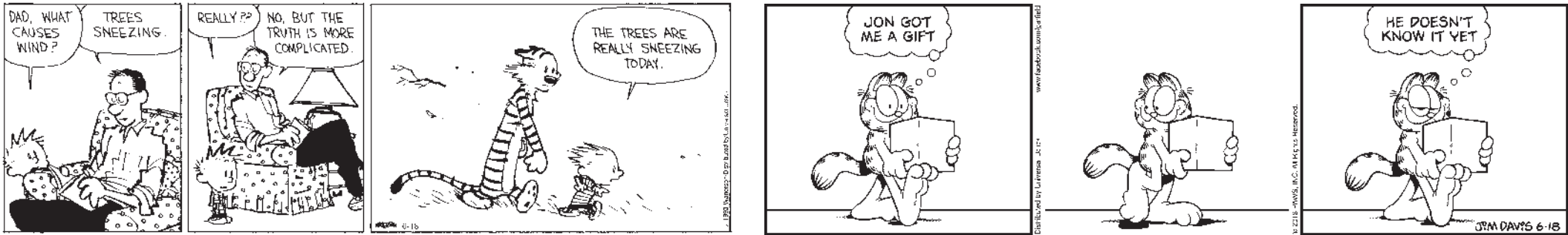
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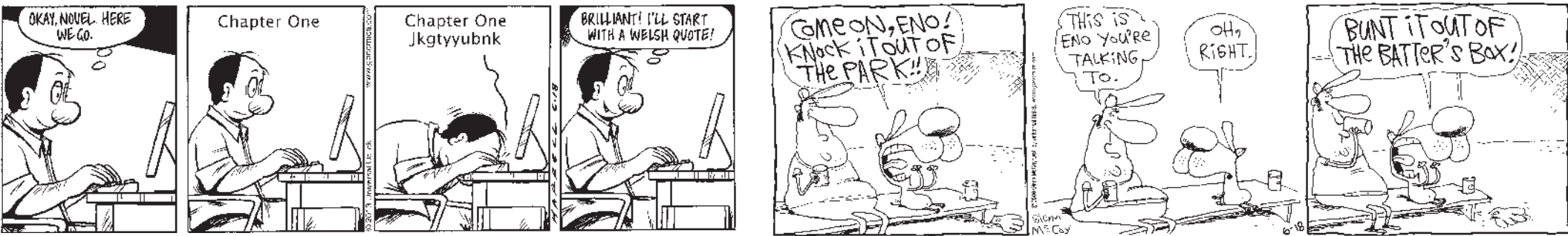


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Yesterday's answer 6-18

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Manu Ginobili sparks Spurs to Game 5 win



SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Manu Ginobili ran onto the floor as fans stood and screamed.

He went to the bench, and they chanted his name.

The sights and sounds of so many San Antonio spring nights were back Sunday—and the real party might be just a few days away.

Ginobili broke out of a slump in a big way with 24 points and 10 assists in his first start of the season, and the Spurs beat the Miami Heat 114-104 to take a 3-2 lead in the NBA Finals.

Tony Parker scored 26 points, Tim Duncan had 17 points and 12 rebounds, and Ginobili had his highest-scoring game of the season as the Spurs became the first team to shoot 60 percent in a finals game in four years.

“He’s such a huge part of what we do and how far we’ve come. You can see it tonight in how we played and the results of the game,” Duncan said. “We’re always confident in him. ... we know he has it in him. We hope he can bring it forward for one more win.”

Danny Green smashed the NBA Finals record for 3-pointers, hitting six more and scoring 24 points. Kawhi Leonard finished with 16, but the stage was set when Ginobili trotted out with Duncan, Parker and the rest of starters in what could have been the last finals home game for a trio that’s meant so much to San Antonio.

One more victory and the Spurs’ Big Three, not Miami’s, will be the one that rules the NBA.

And a big reason was Ginobili, as he’s been for so long—just not during what had been a miserable series for the former Sixth Man of the Year.

“I was angry, disappointed,” Ginobili said. “We are playing in the NBA Finals, we were 2-2, and I felt I still wasn’t really helping the team that much,” Ginobili said. “And that was the frustrating part.”

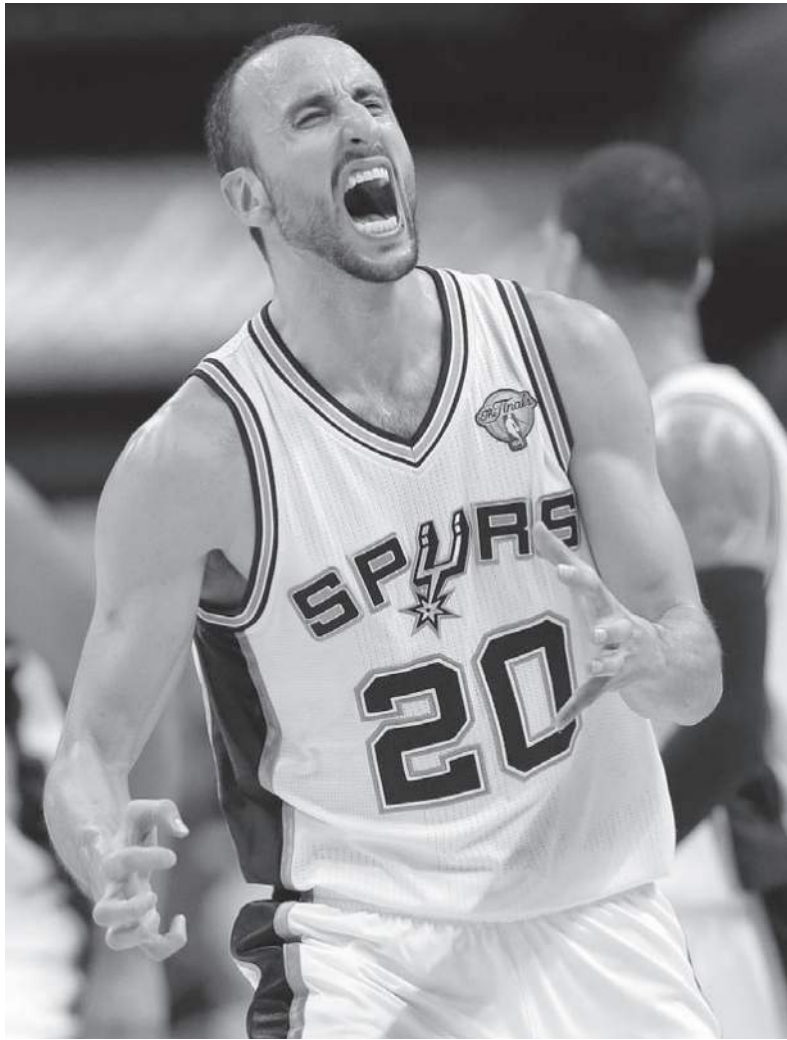
On Sunday, it was all forgotten.

“He’s obviously very popular. He’s been here a long time. He’s helped us have a lot of success over the years,” Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

LeBron James and Dwyane Wade each scored 25 points for the Heat, who host Game 6 on Tuesday night. They need a victory to force the first Game 7 in the finals since the Lakers beat the Celtics in 2010.

Miami’s Big Three formed a few weeks after that game, with predictions of multiple titles to follow. Now they’re a loss away from going just 1 for 3 in finals to start their partnership, while the Spurs could run their perfect record to 5 for 5.

“This is the position we’re in and the most important game is Game 6,” James said. “We can’t



San Antonio Spurs’ Manu Ginobili (20), of Argentina, reacts against the Miami Heat during the second half at Game 5 of the NBA Finals basketball series, Sunday, June 16, 2013, in San Antonio.

worry about a Game 7, we have to worry about Game 6.”

Duncan won his first title in 1999, and Parker and Ginobili were with him for three championships since. They have been the perfect partnership, keeping the Spurs in the hunt virtually every year while teams like the Lakers, Mavericks and Suns have all risen and fallen in the Western Conference during that time.

They remained unbeaten in Game 5s, including two previous victories when the series was tied at 2-2. Of the 27 times the finals have been tied at 2-2, the Game 5 winner has won 20 of them.

Miami was the most recent loser, falling to Dallas in Game 5 in 2011 before being eliminated at home the next game.

“We’re going to see if we’re a better ballclub and if we’re better prepared for this moment,” Wade said.

San Antonio shot 42 of 70, right at 60 percent. The last team to make 60 percent of its shots in the finals was Orlando, which hit 62.5 in Game 3 against the Lakers in 2009, according to STATS.

“They just absolutely outplayed us,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “At times they were just picking one guy out at a time and going at us mano-a-mano. That’s got to change.”

Ray Allen scored 21 points on the night for the Heat as he watched Green shatter his finals 3-point record. Green has 25 3s in the series. Allen made 22 3-pointers in six games in 2008 finals for Boston.

Chris Bosh scored 16 for Miami, Wade had 10 assists, and James had eight assists

and six rebounds, but it was their defense that let the Heat down in this one.

The Heat were within one with 3:05 left in the third before Green hit yet another 3-pointer and Ginobili followed with the stretch that turned the game into the fourth straight blowout of the finals.

The crafty lefty plays with a flair developed on the courts of Argentina and perfected in the NBA. He sees angles other players can’t and takes risks few others would, but his style has been the perfect fit alongside Duncan and Parker.

He converted a three-point play, tossed in a floater with his left hand as he drifted right, and found Tiago Splitter under the hoop with a pass to make it 85-74. He flipped in another runner with 2.9 seconds to go, sending the Spurs to the fourth with an 87-75 lead as fans chanted “Manu! Manu!” during the break between the third and fourth quarters.

Ginobili had been averaging just 7.5 points on 34.5 percent shooting in the series, making only three of his 16 3-point attempts. But Popovich made the finals’ second lineup change in two games, after the Heat inserted Mike Miller to start Game 4.

Ginobili didn’t make a start this season and certainly hadn’t been playing like someone who belonged with the first five. But in the Spurs’ biggest game of the season, they remained confident he would break out, and they were right.

“I knew that I was not scoring much and I felt it in the air. But I

tried not to care about it. I know I’m critical enough of myself to be worrying about what other people say,” Ginobili said.

It was the first time he scored 24 or more points since having 34 on June 4, 2012, against Oklahoma City, according to STATS.

The AT&T Center crowd roared when Ginobili was the last starter announced, the cheers growing louder when he made a jumper—originally ruled a 3-pointer but later overturned by replay—on the first possession. He assisted on the Spurs’ next three baskets, and it was 15-10 when he later hit a 3 that did count.

Parker picked it up from there, dancing his way into the lane repeatedly and scoring seven points in a 12-0 run that made it 29-17. Leonard’s 3-pointer with 4.7 seconds left, on an assist from Ginobili, made it 32-19

and gave the Spurs 12 makes in 19 attempts (63 percent) in the opening 12 minutes.

Green’s third straight 3-pointer made it 45-28 about 5 minutes into the second quarter, and it seemed the trend of blowouts would continue. But James suddenly got rolling during a 14-2 Miami spurt that cut it to five on his third consecutive Heat basket.

San Antonio made 21 of 34 shots (62 percent) in the first half, opening a 61-52 lead on Parker’s drive with 0.4 seconds left.

Miami then ran off eight in a row to start the second half and get within one. They cut it to one again later in the period before Ginobili led the flurry that finished the Heat for good.

It was a fitting finish if it was the last home game in the finals for San Antonio’s star trio, which has combined for 101 playoff victories together. Ginobili has said he might think about retirement as he turns 36 next month, and Duncan is 37.

Both coaches said it was difficult waiting two days between games—Popovich said it was “like death”—though he did say it was great for the Spurs because they have some older players.

The break seemed to help his team early, particularly Parker, whose energy sagged in the second of Game 4 as he struggled with a strained hamstring that he said could tear at any time and would’ve had him sidelined during the regular season.

If things fall right for the Spurs, he’ll have plenty of time to heal after Tuesday.

End of quarters cost Heat in Game 5

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Until Tuesday night, the Miami Heat will be lamenting 8 bad minutes.

Eight very bad minutes, actually.

So bad that they took away any realistic chance of winning Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Sunday night. So bad that they put the reigning champions on the brink of elimination. So bad that they ensured the Heat season can only be saved by winning two games in Miami, or else they will face the indignity of watching an opponent celebrate a title on their floor for the second time in three years.

San Antonio closed the first quarter on a 15-2 run, then wrapped up the third with a 12-1 burst. And those flurries generated more than enough cushion than the Spurs would need on the way to a 114-104 win that put them one win away from their fifth championship since 1999.

“We haven’t really gotten beaten like that in a long time,” Heat guard Mario Chalmers said. “It just happened tonight, so something’s got to change.”

In those two bursts, the Spurs shot a combined 10 for 12. The Heat, 1 for 11.

More than anything else, those two stretches will be the ones that cause the Heat to cringe when they watch the tape Monday.

“We’re going to have to look at it and we’re going to have to answer that question,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “There’s no doubt about it. ... Can we put together our best game on both sides of the floor in Game 6? We do feel good that we’re going home, but we’ve got to earn back that home court.”

Game 6 is in Miami on Tuesday. Game 7, if necessary, would also be there Thursday.

It was 17-17 with 4:45 left in the first after LeBron James it for Miami with a 3-pointer. Score at the end of the first: Spurs 32, Heat 19, and it wasn’t just the ending that was bad for Miami. The Heat shot 30 percent in the period, their third-worst performance from the field of the entire season—while the Spurs sizzled away at 63 percent.

Slowly, things moved toward evening out. And an inspired start to the third by Miami cut what was a nine-point deficit at intermission to just 61-60 in the first 1:17 of the second half. Then with 3:05 left in the third, a jumper by Dwyane Wade, followed by a free throw by Shane Battier on the same play (he was fouled

while setting a screen) got the Heat within one again, 75-74.

That’s when the bottom fell out—again.

“Once we got it back to one, we felt that we’d weathered the storm,” Spoelstra said. “Then we missed a couple shots that we normally are accustomed to making, and it just snowballed downhill from there.”

Danny Green made a 3-pointer to start the San Antonio surge to close the third, and Manu Ginobili scored seven more points before the end of the period to help push the Spurs’ margin to 12 at 87-75 entering the fourth.

By then, the Spurs had more than enough space to weather Miami’s last rally. The Heat cut it to 109-101 with just inside of 2 minutes to go, which surely made getting outscored by 24 combined points to end the first and third quarters hurt that much more.

“We kept fighting. We kept feeling like we had a chance,” Wade said. “This was a game that it was like we could steal it. But they continued to make shots. Credit to them. Their starters played big tonight. All of them made shots. They shot 60 percent from the field in a tough game.”

For their part, the Spurs said they weren’t doing anything special—which is pretty much the standard Spurs explanation for just about everything.

But those runs to end the first and the third, they had a marked effect on the scoreboard, on the Heat sideline psyche and on the San Antonio crowd, which cheered its team for the final time in a home game this season.

Now they’ll wait and see if the Spurs will be coming home for a parade.

“We cleaned up a couple of mistakes,” Spurs forward Tim Duncan said. “We’re just trying to make their life as hard as possible. There are three incredible players that obviously have gotten their team to this point for three years in a row. They’re some of the best players in the league. All we can do is try to do the best we can to make their life as hard as possible.”

Mission accomplished on that front in Game 5.

After playing uphill basketball all night, the Heat had enough gas left in the fourth to make things interesting late, but not hardly enough for a miracle comeback. So it’s the Spurs one game away from the title.

And now, Miami’s task is simple.

Win Tuesday, then win Thursday—or else.

“Ain’t got no choice, now,” Heat guard Mike Miller said.

Nieuwenhuis' HR caps 4-run 9th, Mets startle Cubs



NEW YORK
(A P)—Kirk Nieuwenhuis hit a three-run homer

that capped a four-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning to help the Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 4-3 on Sunday, salvaging what had been shaping up as another sorry afternoon.

Matt Garza pitched seven scoreless innings, and the Cubs scored twice on a madcap play that featured three bad throws by Mets infielders, giving Chicago a 3-0 lead.

But New York came back against Carlos Marmol (2-4) in the ninth, starting with Marlon Byrd's leadoff home run. Nieuwenhuis connected with one out.

Bobby Parnell (5-3) pitched the top of the ninth. Mets starter Jeremy Hefner allowed one earned run and struck out five in five innings.

Braves 3, Giants 0

In Atlanta, Freddie Freeman singled three times and drove in one run, and Julio Teheran pitched six innings to lead Atlanta over San Francisco.

Teheran (5-3) allowed seven hits and one walk. The 22-year-old struck out eight and got a few stellar plays from outfielders Jason Heyward and Justin Upton in the fourth, and by Andrelton Simmons at shortstop in the sixth that kept a run from scoring with the Braves holding a two-run lead.

Lincecum (4-7) gave up six hits and five walks in six innings. Two of his three runs were earned, and he struck out three.

Reds 5, Brewers 1

In Cincinnati, Johnny Cueto pitched six solid innings in his return to Cincinnati's rotation and Jay Bruce homered in a win over Milwaukee.

Donald Lutz drove in two runs with a pinch-hit single, and Zack Cozart and Joey Votto each had two hits as Cincinnati rebounded after losing 6-0 on Saturday.

Cueto, activated from the disabled list Sunday, improved to 4-0 in his seventh start of the season. He allowed five hits and one run with three strikeouts and no walks as the Reds took two of three in the weekend series.

Cueto made his first start since a 6-0 win at Pittsburgh on May 31. He was placed on the disabled list on June 5 for the second time this season because of a strained muscle in his right shoulder.

Alfredo Simon allowed two hits and had six strikeouts in three innings of relief for his first save of the season and second in two years with Cincinnati.

Marlins 7, Cardinals 2

In Miami, Ricky Nolasco allowed one run and three hits in seven innings to help Miami take the last game of its three-game series against St. Louis.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals lost a series for the first time since April 26-28 against Pittsburgh.

The Marlins climbed above .300 at 21-47, still baseball's worst record. They scored 19 runs in the series against a team with the lowest ERA in the majors.

The abundance of offense was a refreshing change for Nolasco (4-7), who has endured the worst run support of any pitcher with at least 14 starts.

Juan Pierre drove in two runs and had two hits to extend his hitting streak



Chicago Cubs Nate Schierholtz (19) is safe on a Mets throwing error as New York Mets catcher John Buck (44) can't make the play on Alfonso Soriano's fifth-inning, two-run single in a baseball game in New York, Sunday, June 16, 2013. AP

to 12 games, and Justin Ruggiano and Placido Polanco each had a two-RBI hit. The Marlins have won eight of 14, their best stretch this season.

Pirates 6, Dodgers 3

In Pittsburgh, rookie Gerrit Cole won again, getting home run help from Pedro Alvarez and pitching Pittsburgh past Los Angeles.

Cole (2-0) allowed three runs on seven hits and no walks in 5 2-3 innings. The top pick from the 2011 draft won in his big league debut last week.

Alvarez snapped a 2-all tie when he connected off Zack Greinke (3-2) for a three-run homer in the fifth. Alvarez leads the Pirates with 15 homers.

The Pirates won for the sixth time in nine games. Alex Presley had three hits for the Pirates, including a home run, and Garrett Jones added a two-run single.

Dodgers rookie Yasiel Puig had three hits and raised his batting average to .479 in his first 48 at-bats in the majors.

Rockies 5, Phillies 2

In Denver, Jhoulys Chacin came within an out of his second career shutout, and Colorado topped Philadelphia.

Chacin gave up six hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter. His 8 2-3 innings marked the longest outing by a Rockies starter this season.

Jimmy Rollins hit an RBI double with two outs in the Phillies' ninth, and Ryan Howard followed with a single to finish Chacin (5-3).

Rex Brothers got the final out for his second save of the season.

Wilin Rosario and Carlos Gonzalez homered for Colorado. The teams combined for 30 runs and 55 hits in splitting the first two games of the series, but pitchers dominated the finale at Coors Field.

Padres 4, Diamondbacks 1

In San Diego, Kyle Blanks hit a three-

run homer with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning to a snap a tie and lift San Diego to its season-high sixth straight victory.

Blanks' eighth home run of the season came off Arizona reliever David Hernandez (2-4) and made a winner of Clayton Richard (2-5), giving the Padres a three-game sweep.

Huston Street came on in the ninth to earn his 13th save in 14 opportunities for the Padres (35-34), who moved above 500. for the first time since closing the 2010 season with a 90-72 record.

The Padres have gone 30-19 since May 1, are 21-7 in their last 28 home games and have pulled within two games of first-place Arizona in the NL West.

Everth Cabrera opened the eighth with his third single of the game and Chase Headley walked with two outs before Blanks hit a 1-2 pitch 379 feet into the left-field bleachers.

Orioles 6, Red Sox 3

In Baltimore, Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 23rd home run and Nick Markakis had four hits and scored three runs as the Baltimore Orioles beat Jon Lester and the Boston Red Sox.

Manny Machado extended his hitting streak to a career-high 14 games and drove in a run for the Orioles, who took three of four from first-place Boston to move within 1 1/2 games of the AL East lead. Baltimore has won six straight series over the Red Sox.

Davis gave the Orioles a 3-0 lead in the third inning with his 100th career homer and seventh in 10 games against Boston. Davis doubled in a run in the fifth to give him 60 RBIs.

Yankees 6, Angels 5

In Anaheim, California, Mariano Rivera struck out Albert Pujols with the bases loaded to end the Angels' five-run rally in the ninth inning as the New York Yankees ended their five-game losing streak with a wild victory over Los Angeles.

CC Sabathia pitched five-hit ball into the ninth, and Travis Hafner hit a three-run homer off Jered Weaver, but the Yankees barely survived when Rivera fanned the Angels' star slugger. New York's famed closer gave up three hits and a walk, but still got his 24th save.

Lyle Overbay and Jayson Nix also drove in runs during a five-run third inning for the Yankees, who salvaged the finale of their 10-game road trip by battering Weaver (1-3) early and hanging on late.

Tigers 5, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Doug Fister held Minnesota hitless until the sixth inning and Torii Hunter connected for his 300th career home run, leading Detroit over the Twins.

Fister (6-4) didn't allow a baserunner until walking Ryan Doumit with two outs in the fourth inning, then lost his no-hit bid when Brian Dozier led off the sixth with a homer.

Fister allowed two runs and two hits—both to Dozier—in 7 2-3 innings. He struck out seven, walked two and won for the first time in his last six starts.

Joaquin Benoit pitched the final 1 1-3 innings, earning his fourth save.

Hunter and Austin Jackson both hit two-run homers for Detroit.

Royals 5, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Wade Davis stopped his five-game winless streak and Jeff Francoeur homered as Kansas City beat Tampa Bay.

Davis (4-5) gave up two runs and five hits in six innings for his first win since he beat the Los Angeles Angels on May 15. It was the right-hander's first game against the Rays, who traded him to the Royals during the offseason.

After Francoeur hit a solo homer in the fifth inning, Alcides Escobar and Alex Gordon had RBI singles to put the Royals ahead 4-2 in the sixth. Gordon added a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Astros 5, White Sox 4

In Houston, Jason Castro homered for the second straight game and Matt Dominguez hit a three-run double to help Houston top the Chicago White Sox for its fourth straight win.

Dominguez put Houston on top 3-0 with a double in the second inning, and Castro hit a two-run shot to make it 5-2 in the seventh.

The left-handed Castro hit his first career home run off a left-hander on Saturday night when he connected off John Danks, and made it two against Matt Thornton on Sunday.

Alejandro De Aza tripled and scored in the sixth and Dayan Viciedo tripled and scored in the seventh to cut the lead to 3-2. De Aza added a two-out, two-run homer off Jose Veras to make it 5-4 in the ninth before Alexei Ramirez grounded out to give Veras his 14th save.

Blue Jays 7, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Wang Chien-ming won for the first time in more than a year and Colby Rasmus homered for a third straight game as Toronto completed a four-game sweep by beating Texas for its fifth straight victory.

The Rangers lost their sixth in a row and fell to 1-6 on a season-high, 11-game homestand. Texas has dropped six straight for the first time since April 15-21, 2010.

Wang (1-0) allowed seven hits in seven shutout innings to win for the first time since last June 12 with Washington.

Adam Lind hit a three-run homer, and J.P. Arencibia added a two-run shot for Toronto. The Blue Jays outscored the Rangers 24-4 to sweep a four-game series at Texas for the first time.

Athletics 10, Mariners 2

In Oakland, California, Bartolo Colon worked seven strong innings to win his sixth straight decision and Josh Reddick homered and matched a career high with four hits as Oakland avoided a sweep with a victory over Seattle.

Sean Smith and Brandon Moss each homered and drove in two runs for the Athletics, who moved three games ahead of Texas in the AL West—their largest lead since ending the 2006 season four games up. Josh Donaldson also went deep, and Yoenis Cespedes, Coco Crisp and John Jaso drove in runs for Oakland.

Colon (9-2) allowed two runs on eight hits, didn't walk a batter, and struck out three to extend his home win streak to seven.

Indians 2, Nationals 0

In Cleveland, Corey Kluber pitched eight shutout innings as Cleveland spoiled Stephen Strasburg's return with a win over Washington.

Kluber (5-4) escaped three big jams to win for the first time in 11 career starts at Progressive Field. He gave up seven hits, struck out eight and didn't walk a batter. He wiggled out of trouble in the seventh after the Nationals loaded the bases with no outs.

Strasburg (3-6), activated from the disabled list before the game, held the Indians to one run and one hit in five innings. Making his first start since May 31 when he strained a muscle in his back, the right-hander struck out four, walked four and threw 82 pitches.

Esdrelon, Peredo get MVP plums

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 Elmer Esdrelon top-scored in DFS Galleria's emphatic 97-75 title win over champion Dollar Days to clinch the Finals MVP award in the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Esdrelon fired 29 points and hit four triples in the one-game finals to win the coveted award.



Esdrelon



Peredo

He was the consistent scorer for the back-to-back champion, making 5 markers in the opening canto to help DFS built an early double-digit lead, 23-10. He shone brightest in the second period when he knocked in 14 points and he added 5 each in the third and fourth.

The DFS guard received a trophy for his feat, while other top performers were also recognized at the awards ceremony. Also taking home a trophy was surprise MVP winner (regular season) Errol Peredo of Shirley's. Peredo made it to the Mythical Team, too, joining Mobil's Jun Estolas, PSS/Hoopaholics' Kelvin Fitial, Dollar Days' Ivan Devero, and

DFS Galleria's Junar Guiab.

Guiab got another award when he was named best in free throws, while teammate Dan Barcinas won for best in steals and mentor Rufino Aguon claimed the Best Coach award. Docomo Pacific's Marlon Sison was adjudged 3-point king and his teammate Tim Wesley bagged the best in blocks award, while Kalayaan, Inc.'s Lerio Pagarao took the scoring champion honors. The two other individual awards went to Shirley's players with Art Montes and J.R. Barrios getting the best in rebounds and assists trophies.

Meanwhile, host Shirley's would like to thank the 10 participating teams and their respective bosses for supporting the league.

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one point, he looked above the TV to that famous photo of Hogan hitting 1-iron into the 18th green in the 1950 U.S. Open to set up a playoff that he won the next day.

"When I walked over the hill and saw my drive sitting perfectly in the middle of the fairway, with the sun coming out, it was kind of almost fitting," Rose said. "And I just felt like at that point it was a good iron shot onto the green, two putts—like Hogan did—and possibly win this championship. So I felt like I did myself justice, and probably put enough of a good swing where Ben Hogan might have thought it was a decent shot, too."

As usual, someone's big moment in the U.S. Open came at Mickelson's expense.

All the stars were aligned.

None of the putts fell in.

Lefty somehow blasted out of the rough to 8 feet on the 16th hole, but he missed the putt. His tee shot on the par-3 17th was just short enough that it didn't catch the funnel toward the hole, and he missed a long birdie putt. From the rough left of the 18th fairway, he couldn't quite reach the green and to chip in from about 40 yards.

With his caddie tending the flag, Mickelson's chip raced by the cup, and Rose was the U.S. Open champion.

Mickelson wound up with a bogey on the 18th for a 74 and tied for second with Jason Day, who closed with a 71.

Day appeared to salvage his round by chipping in for bogey on the 11th hole, and he was still in the picture when he made a 12-foot par putt on the 17th to stay one shot behind. But he put his approach into the bunker left of the 18th green, blasted out to about 7 feet and missed the

putt.

The back nine was a four-way battle that included Hunter Mahan, who played in the last group with Mickelson. He was one shot out of the lead until he three-putted the 15th hole for a double bogey, and then closed with back-to-back bogeys when his hopes were gone. Mahan had a 75 and tied for fourth with Billy Horschel (74), Ernie Els (69) and Jason Dufner, who had a 67 despite making triple bogey on the 15th hole.

Rose finished at 1-over 281, eight shots higher than David Graham's winning score in 1981 when the U.S. Open was last held at Merion. The shortest course for a major championship in nearly a decade held up just fine. It was the third time in the last four years that no one broke par in the toughest test of golf.

The last Englishman to win the U.S. Open was Tony Jacklin at Hazeltine in 1970, though

Rose added to recent dominance of the Union Jack at the U.S. Open as the third winner in four years. The others were Graeme McDowell (2010) and Rory McIlroy (2011) of Northern Ireland.

Walking off the 18th green, he looked through the patchy clouds and pointed to the sky, a nod to his late father, Ken, who died of leukemia in September 2002.

"I couldn't help but look up at the heavens and think my old man Ken had something to do with it," Rose said.

It seems like more than 15 years ago when Rose first starred on the major scene as a 17-year-old amateur who chipped in on the final hole at Royal Birkdale in the 1998 British Open and tied for fourth. He turned pro the next week, and then missed the cut in his first 21 tournaments. But he stayed the course and slowly picked off big tournaments—including

the AT&T National in 2010 just down the road at Aronimink.

The U.S. Open takes him to another level and moves him to No. 3 in the world.

Tiger Woods turned out to be nothing more than an afterthought. He hit out-of-bounds on his second hole and made triple bogey, and closed with a 74 to finish at 13-over 293, his worst score as a pro in the U.S. Open, and matching his worst score in any major.

The score wasn't nearly that bad considering the golf course, with its tricky contours on the greens and punishing rough.

Mickelson wore all black when he arrived for the final round, and in a brief TV interview he said, "The best for me is to play well and have fun."

Sunday at the U.S. Open is rarely fun.

Just ask Donald, who was only two shots behind starting the final round. It all crumbled when he pulled his tee shot on the par-3 third hole—so long and hard that Donald hit a driver—and struck a standard-bearer. She was on the ground for several minutes, and Donald appeared visibly shaken. He shot 42 on the back nine.

Steve Stricker took his lumps on one hole, and it was ugly. One shot behind, he pushed his tee shot on the par-5 second hole out-of-bounds. After hitting the next tee shot into the fairway, he tried to lay up with a 4-iron and hit a shank out-of-bounds. Stricker had to make

a 7-foot putt to escape with a triple-bogey 8.

Former Masters champion Charl Schwartzel, trying to give South Africa a major for the fourth straight year, opened with a birdie and a tie for the lead. That became a distant memory, however, when he dropped seven shots over the seven holes and closed out his front nine with a 42.

Horschel wore pants with octopus prints, and he putted like he had eight arms. Out in 39, he opened the back nine with a pair of three-putts.

For a short time, it looked as though Mickelson might join this parade of pretenders when he three-putted for double bogey twice in three holes on the front nine. And then came his shot out of the rough on the 10th, and he was on his way—but not for long.

Rose made his share of mistakes, too, like the three-putt bogey on the 11th and a horrible shot out of the bunker on the 14th. The difference was his approach into the 12th to 3 feet, followed by a 20-foot birdie putt on the 13th hole.

With Mickelson watching so many putts graze the lip, that cushion was all that Rose needed.

"This is definitely a tough defeat for Phil," Rose said. "I love the way he plays the game. He plays fearless golf. He keeps everybody guessing."

But not at a U.S. Open, where it never ends well for him.

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boo, Deleon Guerrero split his charities to put Adobo on top for the last time, 72-71. Adobo then regained possession after Fernando struggled against Ichitaro Faisao's pressure defense past midcourt and San Roque was eventually called for a backing violation.

Fernando went on to redeem himself in the ensuing play, which started with Adobo nearly getting a steal, as McLain Achas was rattled after getting an inbound pass from Elmer Pineda at the right sideline. Achas was

double-teamed and quickly returned the ball to Pineda, but Faisao snuck from behind before running out of space and throwing the leather back into the court while in midair.

The ball was back in play, but landed on the wrong hands with Pineda picking it up and spotting Fernando at the top key. The San Roque lefty then drove to the middle, stopped, and popped a banked jumper from the foul line to give his team a 73-72 lead, 13.1 seconds left on the clock.

Adobo sued for back-to-back timeouts after Fernando's basket, but failed to orchestrate a play when the game resumed,

as Adrian Palacios lost the ball near the top key with three San Roque defenders hounding him. Adobo was then forced to give up a preemptive foul on Gil Gapor with eight seconds remaining in the game. Gapor missed both charities, but McLain Achas got the offensive board and jumped a pass to Fernando, who did a great job avoiding Adobo defenders as time expired.

Fernando top-scored for San Roque with his 19 points and would have missed the continuation of the game if it was rescheduled for Saturday. The winner-take-all finale was halted for almost an hour after

heavy rain poured for nearly 10 minutes with Adobo ahead, 64-61, 5:26 left in the fourth canto. Both teams decided to stay and resume the game despite the long wait, as Adobo players had other plans the next day, while Fernando had a work schedule for Saturday.

San Roque 73 – Fernando 19, Guiang 15, Mc. Achas 13, Mi. Achas 12, Gapor 9, Salazar 2, Pineda 2.

Adobo 72 – Faisao 19, Deleon Guerrero 15, Vertudez 10, Hemley 9, Saturno 9, Dela Cruz 2, Palacios 2, Yap 1.

Scoring by quarters: 14-20, 35-28, 54-57, 73-72.

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6-2. Lee marched into the finals after downing compatriot Tommy Choi in the second semis game, 6-1, 6-1, and the Final Four of the boys U18 singles was an all-CNMI affair, as Seiya Eda also advanced before losing to Sakano in three sets last Saturday, 2-6, 7-5, 4-6. Choi rounded out the Top 3 after topping Eda in the consolation game, 6-4, 6-2.

The all-CNMI semis pairings were set after Sakano ruled Pool A with his 4-0 record and Choi

finished second with a 3-1 mark. Lee also had a perfect 4-0 slate to take the No. 1 spot in Pool B, while Eda settled for second with his 3-1 card.

Meanwhile, the CNMI swept the boys singles championships after Michael Ren and Chris Cajigan reigned supreme in their respective divisions.

The U12 singles finale was another CNMI versus CNMI showdown with Ren beating Robbie Schorr, 6-3, 6-4, to defend the title he won over Luther Lizama last year. Ren, who was undefeated in three games in Pool A to advance to the quar-

terfinals, moved into the semis after sweeping the Federated States of Micronesia's Joab Williams, 6-1, 6-1, and then notched finals berth in the top half of the bracket after shutting out fellow CNMI bet Tony Kim, 6-0, 6-0.

Schorr won the other all-CNMI semis and got the second finals seat after eliminating Vincent Tudela, 6-4, 6-3. Schorr was in Pool C, had an immaculate 3-0 slate in the elimination round, and barged into the semis after ousting Joshua Abragan, 6-1, 6-1.

In the U15 singles, Cajigan bounced back from a runner-up finish last year after outclass-

ing FSM's Terry Lee Rush-Apis in last weekend's finals, 7-6 (7), 6-1. Cajigan, who lost to Guam's Derek Okuhama in 2012, earned a return trip to the finals this year after eliminating Guam's Andrew Chung, 6-1, 6-1, and Brian Tuncap, 6-1, 7-6 (2) in the playoffs. Rush-Apis foiled an all-CNMI finals when he booted out Moris Villanueva in the other semis pairing, 6-4, 6-0. Villanueva settled for third place, edging Tuncap in the consolation match, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.

Meanwhile, results in the girls division will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Wednesday edition.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES				
MLB STANDINGS				
	Houston	26	44	.371 15 1/2
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	42	29	.592	—
Baltimore	40	30	.571	1 1/2
New York	38	31	.551	3
Tampa Bay	36	33	.522	5
Toronto	32	36	.471	8 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	38	29	.567	—
Cleveland	34	34	.500	4 1/2
Kansas City	33	34	.493	5
Minnesota	30	36	.455	7 1/2
Chicago	28	38	.424	9 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	42	29	.592	—
Texas	38	31	.551	3
Seattle	31	39	.443	10 1/2
Los Angeles	30	39	.435	1
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	41	28	.594	—
Washington	34	34	.500	6 1/2
Philadelphia	33	37	.471	8 1/2
New York	25	39	.391	13 1/2
Miami	21	47	.309	19 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	44	25	.638	—
Cincinnati	42	28	.600	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	41	28	.594	3
Chicago	28	39	.418	15
Milwaukee	28	40	.412	15 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	37	32	.536	—
Colorado	37	33	.529	1/2
San Francisco	35	33	.515	1 1/2
San Diego	35	34	.507	2
Los Angeles	29	39	.426	7 1/2
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4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League Finals

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DFS Galleria players pose with their championship trophy after beating Dollar Days, 97-75, in the finals of the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



From left, Dollar Days' Bart Demapan, Brandon Talania, and Ivan De-vero receive the runner-up trophy.



Dollar Days' Brandon Talania faces two DFS defenders.



DFS Galleria's Elmer Esdrelon pulls up for a jumper against Dollar Days' Brandon Talania and Wowie Abuel.



DFS Galleria's Keoni Chariton drives against two Dollar Days defenders.



Dollar Days' Bart Demapan falls on the floor after colliding with DFS Galleria's Jack Lizama, center.



Dollar Days and DFS Galleria players battle for the rebound.



Dollar Days defenders watch DFS Galleria's Jack Lizama pull up for a shot in the paint.



Dollar Days' Ivan Devero goes up for an acrobatic shot.



Dollar Days' Wowie Abuel drives and draws a foul on DFS Galleria's Dan Barcinas.



Manu Ginobili sparks Spurs to Game 5 win

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE

CNMI sweeps boys singles championships

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Jake Lee ended a string of runner-up finishes after bagging the boys U18 singles championship in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts.

The 17-year-old Lee notched his first singles title since his 2008 debut in the annual tournament that was formerly known as the North Pacific Qualifier. Lee placed third (boys U13) in his baptism of fire in the regional tournament in 2008, had another third place finish in 2009 (U13), was second in the U14 in 2010 and 2011, and fell to fourth in the boys U18 singles of the 2012 competition.

The Saipan Southern High School student finally made it to the champion's circle this year after beating Amami Sakano in the all-CNMI finals of the boys U18 singles. Lee managed to take the U18 title despite losing the opening set, 4-6, as he swept the last two, 6-0,

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Jake Lee makes a baseline return to Amami Sakano during their boys U18 singles title game in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts.

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Rose wins US Open, more heartache for Mickelson

ARDMORE, Pa. (AP)—Justin Rose could see all the pieces coming together in this U.S. Open.

The sun was breaking through the clouds Sunday evening at Merion as he stood in the 18th fairway with a one-shot lead. That famous Ben Hogan plaque was in front of him, a road marker bronze that one pure swing and two putts might be all that stood between Rose and his first major championship.

That and Phil Mickelson in the final group behind him.

Rose followed his script to perfection with a par. So did Mickelson, who can't seem to win a U.S. Open no matter how hard he tries.

Rose drilled a 4-iron just through the green and used a 3-wood to punt the ball to an inch of the cup for par. Mickelson, who made two careless bo-



Mickelson, extending his record collection of silver medals in the major he covets.

"Heartbreak," Mickelson said on his 43rd birthday. "This is tough to swallow after coming so close. This was my best chance of all. I had a golf course I really liked. I felt this was as good as opportunity as you could ask for. It really hurts."

With remarkable poise and three pure swings under pressure, Rose became the first Englishman in 43 years to win America's national championship.

Mickelson extended his U.S. Open record with his sixth runner-up finish, and this one stung. It was the first time he had the outright lead going into the final round. He holed a wedge out of deep rough for an eagle to take back the lead as he headed to the back nine.

But he flew the green with a wedge on the par-3 13th hole and made bogey on the easiest hole at Merion. He tried to hit wedge off the green on the 15th hole to give him a good shot at par, only he hit it so hard he made another bogey. And he never caught up. He wonders if he'll ever get another chance.

"At 43 and coming so close five times, it would have changed the way I look at this tournament altogether and the way I would have looked at my record," Mickelson said, dreaming one last time of winning. "Except that I just keep feeling heartbreak."

Rose was pacing in the scoring area, waiting for Mickelson to finish, wondering if he could catch him. At

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Justin Rose, of England, hoists the trophy after winning the U.S. Open golf tournament at Merion Golf Club, Sunday, June 16, 2013, in Ardmore, Pa.

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San Roque dethrones Adobo

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San Roque Bandits spoiled Adobo's title defense bid after pulling off a 73-72 win in the rain-delayed finals of the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Angelo Fernando made the win-

ning basket, while McClain Ahas collared a big offensive rebound to dethrone Adobo, which ended its streak that dated back to last season. Adobo was undefeated in 11 games to win the third edition of the league, went unbeaten anew in the elimination round this season (6-0), and got one more victory in the playoffs to boost its chances for back-to-back championships before suffering a heartbreaker against San Roque.

Adobo had two crucial errors in

the last 39.2 seconds, allowing San Roque to prevail in the seesaw battle. Shane Deleon Guerrero committed the first one when he drove to the right baseline and lost the ball on his way to the basket. Before the boo-

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San Roque Bandits players pose with their trophies after winning the finals of the DLX caging against Adobo, 73-72, last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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